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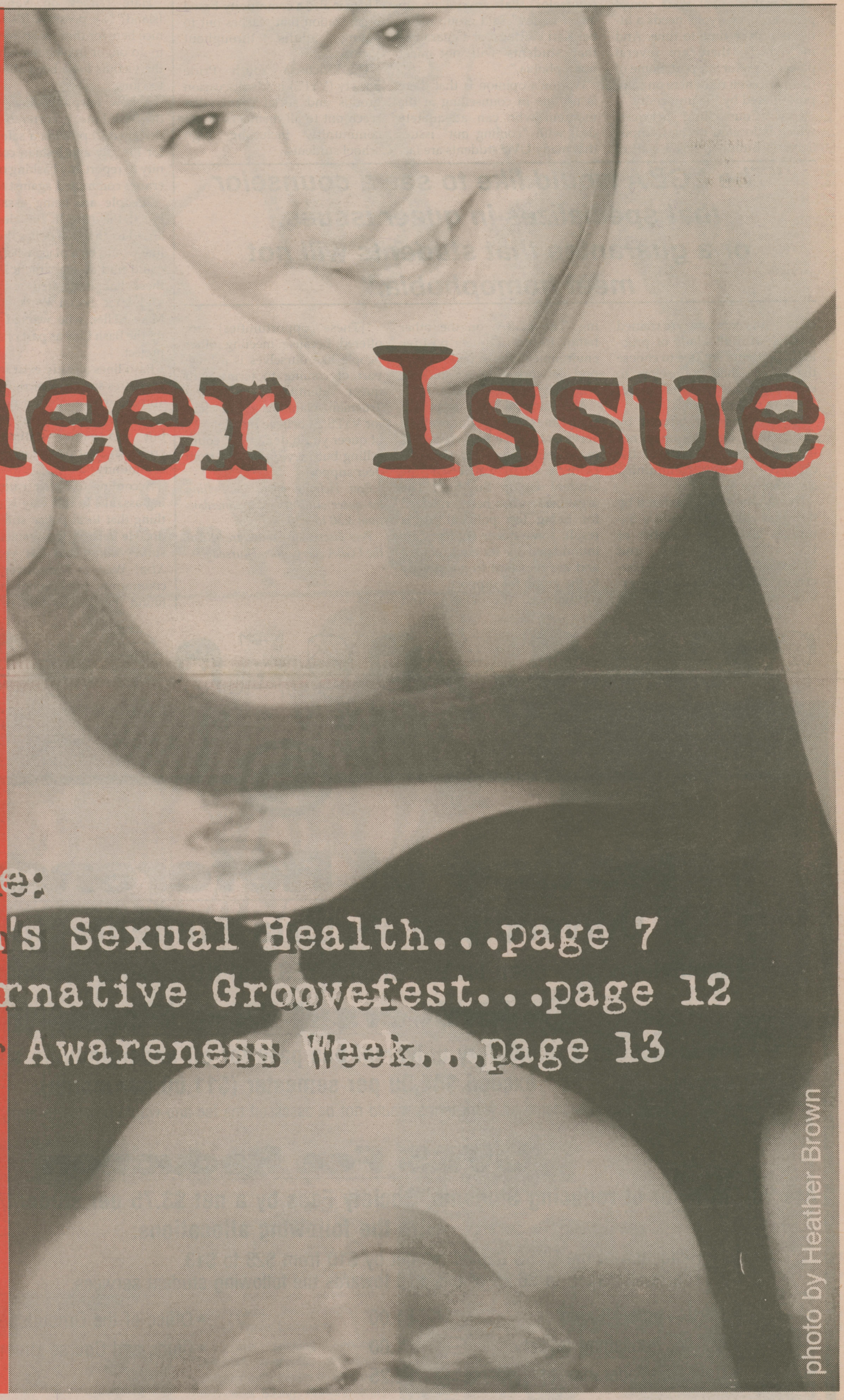

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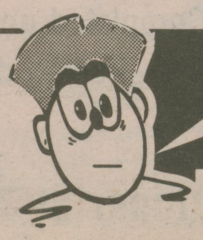

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Queer resources abound, but are they abundant enough?

by Brenda Martin

So you think you're queer. What's the next step?

No matter what your sexual preference, everyone needs a little help from time to time. And in Victoria, there are several places to go for support. Some of them are even right here on campus, offered by the university.

UVic Counselling Services, which is located in the Campus Services Building, has a staff of eight counselors who are trained to deal with all kinds of problems. Students are free to choose the sex of their counselors to ensure they are comfortable with the services provided.

But the support offered by Counselling Services may not meet the specific needs of the campus queer community, according to its critics.

Though the services offered by the counselling centre are a fixture at UVic, one member of UVic's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance (LGBA) is concerned that the counselling services offered by UVic are not equipped to deal with the concerns specific to queer students.

"The LGBA would like to see a counselor that specializes in queer issues," said group member Kari Worton, "or a guarantee that students will not meet homophobia."

Worton's opinion is that there is no one in counselling at the moment who can adequately deal with "coming out" issues that many UVic students are facing. The LGBA, on the other hand, fosters a queer-positive environment with a built-in support network of queer students who may be able to relate.

According to Worton, people sometimes go to Counselling Services because it is viewed as more neutral territory than the LGBA's small office in the Student Union Building. The organization has been criticized for being too political. As a result, some queer students are intimidated by its environment and are reluctant to go directly to the group for support.

However, the LGBA and Counselling Services are not the only options for queer students who are in need of support. There is also a community-based organization that reaches out to young adults throughout Victoria.

The Victoria Youth Pride Society (VYPS) holds discussion groups and social events that reach out to all members of the community, including high school students.

"[These opportunities] are offered because meeting other people like ourselves is a huge part of coming to terms with queer identity," said John Trueman, planning group chair for VYPS. "I believe the majority of queer youth don't need counselling but they do benefit from peer support."

Peer Helping offers counselling for queer students on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30.

Peer discussion groups are held at the LGBA every other Thursday.

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Watchdog line for hate crimes

by Anna Roik

Hate crimes on Vancouver Island? Not possible. It's far too nice here for those sorts of things to go on, or maybe the voices of the victims have been stifled for too long.

A new telephone line, called the Bash Line, is currently being designed to provide a safe place for the gay and lesbian community to report any bashing or hate crimes committed against them.

"People are being assaulted, but if they are in the closet or afraid to go to the police the bash line would be a place where they could find an empathetic ear for these hate-motivated assaults," said UVic Social Work student Mike Keller, who wanted to set up the Bash Line as part of a class project.

Bash lines already exist in larger centres such as Vancouver and Toronto where they act not only as counselling referral centres but also gather statistics on crimes against people in the gay community.

According to Keller, categorizing assaults in this way is something that local police still don't do. He related the results of a survey conducted last year by *Xtra! West* (a Vancouver gay-community publication), which found that 26 per cent of gays and lesbians had been assaulted in some way.

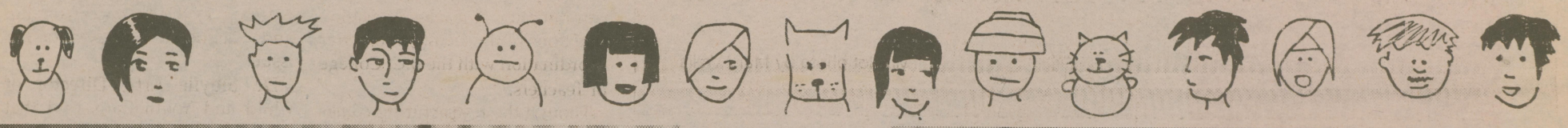
"I've been verbally abused leaving downtown bars, but I've never been physically assaulted. There are instances of bear spraying and beatings in Vancouver in broad daylight," said Keller.

However, Keller cautions that the existence of a bash line will only provide an avenue for people to report what has happened to them and will not stop hate crimes from happening altogether.

Kirsten Patterson, a member of UVic's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association says that most hate crimes committed against the gay community go unreported because many victims perceive a lack of support. She says that the Bash Line fulfills a great need in supporting survivors of bashing.

Patterson agrees that the line will not necessarily reduce the rate of hate crime. For this end, she calls up education and public awareness.

The next organizational meeting for the Bash Line will be held Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed to do research, write proposals for funding and fundraising, and sit on a steering committee.



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Students stopped dead in the SUB to witness a demonstration by the LGBA to raise awareness about violence against the queer community. The live spectacle was part of a number of events during queer awareness week. See page 13 for more information.

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Education dept. attempts queer-friendly mandate

by Mike Cox

The old cliché is that we should accept people no matter who they are, but for students in the education faculty this cliché is especially important. Dr. Alison Preece, Director of Elementary Teacher Education, says issues of gender and sexuality are extremely important for early teachers.

"There has to be an understanding that gay and lesbian issues do affect children, and they need to be addressed in the school system," said Preece.

But is the education department as progressive at it may seem?

Preece said that some students have approached her with concerns about queer issues in the department. But plans are already underway to change all that—Preece says that a restructuring of the department, which was approved by the Board of Governors last week, will help deal with those concerns.

"The new restructuring of the department makes a commitment to gender, diversity, race and sexuality so that they are dealt with in ways other then isolated seminars," said Preece.

The restructuring is the result of three main concerns, which include cost-saving measures, the consolidation of teacher education functions of the faculty and better coordination with the B.C. College of Teachers.

Though the restructuring comes with the promise of change, Preece said one of her seminars already includes books with same-sex parents that were banned by the Surrey School Board last year in an attempt to deal with queer issues.

Queer issues have been on the forefront within the education faculty for some time. Duane Lecky, an engineering student at UVic, had a conflict with the Education Student Association (EDSA) last spring when he brought up the issue of same-sex parents.

EDSA refused to acknowledge queer issues in their online newsletter, and Lecky was appalled.

"This situation wasn't just an omission by EDSA; it was a deliberate refusal to deal with queer issues," he said.

And last fall Lecky was perturbed by the disappearance of several books on queer themes from the education library not long after their arrival. The books later reappeared, according to one librarian.

Lecky said that if changes to the faculty are happening in the new restructuring then it will be a very positive change that will benefit all education students.

"The Surrey School Board ruling was an extreme example of censorship and deliberate omission of the issue."

Though individual students may have encountered problems with course content and approach to queer issues, Dr. Bruce Howe, Dean of Education, said that the faculty tries to be culturally inclusive in its curriculum.

"In literature for schools you have to be careful that material used is not hateful or degrading," said Howe, who cannot recall ever having received a complaint regarding queer issues. "The Surrey School Board ruling was an extreme example of censorship and deliberate omission of the issue."

Dr. Sibylle Artz, Director of Child and Youth Care, said that queer issues are very important in the family setting.

"We make students aware that there is no set notion for what a family consists of," said Artz.

Artz said that there have been no complaints from students regarding queer issues, but she feels that communication between the gay and lesbian community is very important to the program.

Safe-sex forum serves campus needs

by Glen Plummer

Are you looking to learn how to love? Health Services at UVic is presenting "Loving Carefully," a safe sex awareness event for all sexual orientations that will be held in the University Centre on Friday, Feb. 12.

Although information on safe sex is available at a number of locations at UVic, such as Health Services and the Student Union Building, it seems students at UVic are generally unaware of where to find answers to questions about sex. The event may also be needed because safe-sex information isn't readily available on campus.

Loving Carefully aims to provide UVic students with the information to make educated decisions about sex. Students will be able to access information, pamphlets, videos and peer helpers.

Health Services is currently working with UVic Counselling Services on a plan for providing information on sex and health issues to UVic students whose first language is not English, but these services will not be provided at the Loving Carefully event.

A lack of knowledge about STDs by students has not gone unnoticed by doctors and nurses at UVic's health services. That's just one reason why Loving Carefully may find its audience listening carefully to information about STDs.

"The three most common sexually transmitted diseases that we see are human papilloma virus (HPV), genital herpes and chlamydia," said head nurse Donna Denman.

According to Denman, UVic students seem to be generally unaware of the prevalence of genital herpes in North America and have no idea that it is one of the most common STDs.

Genital herpes is on the rise in North America, especially amongst young people, said Denman. It can be spread through oral to genital contact.

Though cases of herpes are on the rise, the disease does not cause as many problems for those who are infected with it now as opposed to those infected 10 years ago.

According to Health Services Dr. Bill Dyson, there are more antiviral drugs available to those with herpes now then there were just 10 years ago.

But that's not all.

Human papilloma virus (HPV), another common STD, is the name given to a group of more than 60 viruses, some of which cause genital warts. HPV, like herpes, is not always visible and many people do not even know that they have it.

"HPV is more important than herpes because it is very common, likely more common than herpes," said Dyson, who pointed out that the virus can often have more a serious impact than herpes. "Unlike HPV, herpes does not carry the potential risk of causing cervical cancer in women."

Another STD that Health Services sees all too often is chlamydia. Chlamydia, a bacterial infection that can infect the urethra in men and the reproductive tract in women, can lead to sterility if it is left untreated.

"A chlamydia infection indicates to us that the person's sexual practices aren't what they should be," said Dyson. "HIV and chlamydia are transmitted the same way."

According to Health Services, these three common STDs can infect anyone who is having sexual intercourse, and the only prevention for STDs is to be aware of the dangers and to practice safe sex.

Sounds like we could all use a little Loving Carefully.

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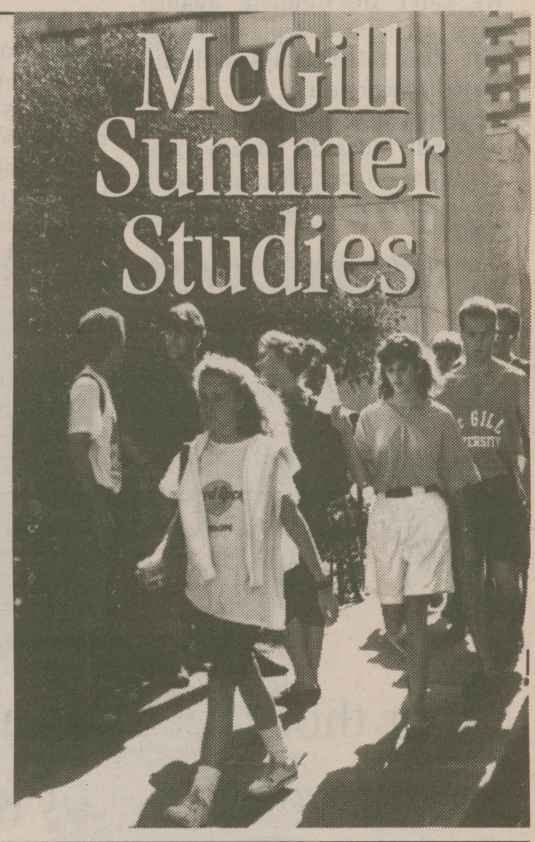

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Same-sex bill defeated in House of Commons

by Erin Fitzpatrick
SFU Peak

OTTAWA (CUP)—A private member's bill that would have changed the definition of the word spouse to include same-sex couples in all federal laws died in the House of Commons last week.

The proposed Bill C-239 was introduced by Bloc Quebecois member of parliament, Real Menard.

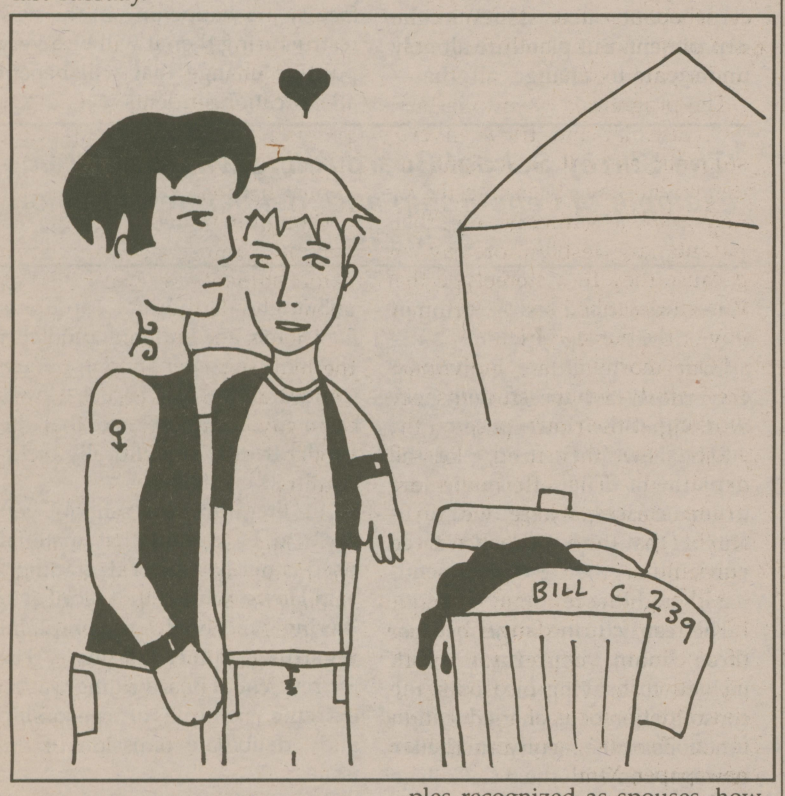
"I'm convinced that there's something very discriminatory in our treatment of same-sex partners," Menard said after debating the bill failed on the House floor last Tuesday.

parties opposed the bill.

Reform MP Eric Lowther defends his party's position. "We look at the benefits that are there today for couples, and largely those benefits are there in recognition of the social contribution that couples make in procreation and the rearing of the next generation of Canadians," he said. "That's in the public interest."

If the government is going to change the word spouse to include same-sex couples, Lowther said, it should first determine how the public interest would be served by such a move.

The effort to have same-sex cou-



"The Canadian government needs to accept that there are men who love men, women who love women, and that those people are in real, authentic relationships that deserve to be recognized."

In 1995, the government passed Bill C-33, which effectively outlaws discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. However, about 70 federal laws still remain that define spouses as a heterosexual couple.

"We've already recognized that we can't discriminate against gays, so the next step is to recognize their relationships as legitimate," Menard said.

Because it was a private member's bill, Menard's initiative was not voted on, but only debated in the House of Commons for an hour.

Private member's bills are only put to a vote if the MP behind them can convince an all-party committee or the entire House that the issue merits a vote.

Both the Reform and Liberal

ples recognized as spouses, however, didn't die with Menard's bill.

New Democratic Party MP Svend Robinson, who supported the bill, says he plans to re-introduce it himself in the near future.

"It's a question of basic equality and fairness," Robinson said. "Gay and lesbian people are involved in committed loving relationships—I myself have had the good fortune of being involved in one for almost five years. And we're saying that our relationship should be recognized as equal, especially when opposite-sex common law relationships are recognized."

But it's about more than just recognition, Robinson says.

"It's also a question of justice. We pay taxes, we pay into benefit plans like the Canada Pension Plan, and we shouldn't be denied equality."

Gay Winnipeg Jews can tie the knot

by Patrick Lejtenyi
the Link

MONTREAL (CUP)—If you're gay, Jewish, in love and in Winnipeg, then you're in luck.

Winnipeg is the only city in Canada where a Jewish homosexual couple can be married by a rabbi with religious trappings, synagogue and all.

Rabbi Michael Levenson, a former Montrealer who's been performing same-sex marriages in the United States for five years, now presides over Winnipeg's only Reform temple.

He has yet to perform a marriage in Canada since moving back here last September but has five ceremonies planned between March and August. "I feel very, very strongly convinced about this," Levenson said. "There have been so many injustices against gays and lesbians by organized religion over the years, and these injustices have to be corrected."

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Because there is no presiding authority over Judaism's four branches as a whole, each temple is free to choose its own policy on same-sex marriages. Levenson, with the "100 per cent unanimous" backing of his congregation, is able to perform inter-faith marriages as well as same-sex ones.

But it hasn't earned him many friends.

Several rabbis have openly denounced Levenson's practice. In the local *Jewish Post* five of the city's eight rabbis signed a letter condemning him.

And in the rabbi's hometown of Montreal, leading Conservative and Orthodox rabbis are also displeased with the idea.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko, of Montreal's Orthodox Beth Israel Beth Aaron synagogue, is adamant that same-sex marriages are wrong.

"It won't come as a big surprise when I say I will never sanction same-sex marriages," he said. "There is a unanimity of opinion on this. Gays should not be seeking validity from the heterosexual community."

While Poupko does not condemn homosexuals outright and supports gay and lesbian rights, he says Biblical law is clear on the subject of same-sex unions.

"From an Orthodox standpoint, homosexual marriage is rejected by Jewish law, just as eating pork is, just as working on the Sabbath is. It is just the law. It is against the law. It is prohibited."

Levenson however, argues some Biblical laws supersede others, especially when it comes to modern social dilemmas.

"There is an adage of never separating the faithful from the congregation," he said. "We should be teaching love and a loving God so we can have normal social development, worship experience and congregation regardless of sexuality."

While Levenson is prepared to bend the rules when it comes to marrying same-sex couples, he remains strict on the matter of religious practice. Both individuals must be either Jewish or prepared to live in a Jewish home, and any children the couple adopts must be brought up Jewish as well.

Levenson's approach is not entirely unique. Reform Jews have been performing same-sex marriages for about five years, following a general meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, a North American umbrella organization.

But the idea still splits the community, and not all Reform rabbis will perform the ceremonies. The final say lies with the individual rabbi and his congregation.

Although Jewish homosexual marriages in the United States are becoming increasingly common, Levenson still thinks Canada will grant official recognition to same-sex couples before the U.S. will.

"I don't think the U.S. will recognize gay marriages for a long time," he said.

But there's little evidence his optimism about Canada's stance on same-sex couples is well-founded.

In Quebec, for example, civil authorities still fail to recognize same-sex marriages, and same-sex partners are still not entitled to any of the benefits heterosexual couples receive.

In Montreal, many members of the gay and lesbian community have become disillusioned with the province's consistent balking towards same-sex marriage entitlements.

Pastor Jeems of the Eglise Communautaire du Village in Montreal's gay village, has long watched the ebb and flow of the movement. "Catch me on a good day, and I'll say six months (until same-sex couples are given equal benefits)," he said. "Things are moving, but it's hard to guess."

The non-denominational church only has about 20 members, but Jeems performs an average of one blessing a month.

"Couples want celebrations and blessings for their union," he said. "They want to shout it from the rooftops. But there is still no legal sanction, no special status and no benefits or privileges from the government."

"It's a small church," Jeems added, "and the people who do decide to become members are just saying they're fed up with churches in which you have to leave your sexuality at the door."

As for Levenson, he plans to go to Ottawa soon to urge Parliament to recognize same-sex marriages.

In the meantime, gay couples will still have to pay their tax dollars into a system that only benefits heterosexual couples.

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Comin' outta the closet

by Craig Saunders

Alex planned on telling his mother one day, but he was deliberating on how to break the news to her on the day he walked into his room and found out his mother had discovered his magazine stash.

"I wasn't totally prepared for the situation," says Alex of the first day he discussed his sexual orientation with his mom. "So instead I told her I was confused and I didn't know what I was and stuff like that. I was lying at the time. Later I wrote in my journal that it was the most ironic thing I'd ever done— lying about the only thing that had been stable in the last three years of my life," he continued.

Alex is a 17-year-old high school student living in Merritt, B.C. That was the day he began to come out to his family and friends as gay. Although he always planned on telling close friends and family, he isn't ready to come out to his school yet, which is why he spoke under a pseudonym.

"Most of my reasoning throughout high school was to wait until I wasn't in P.E. class anymore, so I could avoid the situation in the change room," he said. "I was very much afraid of being openly gay to people and then going in to the change room and getting people's reactions—'Don't look at me, you're gay,' and crap like that."

When he finished the class, he says he felt it was time to be open with more people. He said being in the closet "felt like living a lie," and he didn't want to do that anymore. He said he wanted to be more honest with people.

Merritt is a town of 8,000 in central B.C. Its population is more religious than most Canadian communities, and Alex describes it as "fairly conservative."

"I'm worried about a lot of the more ignorant people who seem to take it on as their role in life to make people miserable for no other reason than that it makes them feel good," he explained. "I was walking home with a friend at night, and they chased a native person home, making that stupid, stereotype war cry and kicking him, and they chased him into his house like that. I'm worried about people like that."

Once he was sure he wanted to start coming out, Alex approached a close friend.

"I started by telling one friend who I was 80 per cent sure wouldn't have a problem with it, and then I sort of relied on him for support in telling other people," he said.

Coming out to his friends has been a good experience for Alex, who has found his friends to be very supportive. He said his life is easier since the decision, and he feels more honest by not having to fake interest in girls.

Though Alex was lucky to find support in his friends, there aren't many services in Merritt for gay and lesbian teenagers. Alex said the community doesn't recognize that it has a gay population. As a result, dating isn't really an option for him.

While his friends have been supportive, there are times when Alex feels a need to talk with someone who isn't straight. That led him to call a gay helpline in the nearby city of Kamloops, where he was referred to the Safe Spaces Project.

Safe Spaces is an outreach project to gay, lesbian, bisexual and two-spirited youth.

"Two-spirited is an aboriginal person who has the gift of having a world viewed through both the masculine and the feminine," said project coordinator Erica Hummel, "not necessarily in a same-sex relationship, but they are quite likely categorized as gay or lesbian."

The two-year project is a starting point for gay and lesbian youth services in Kamloops. Though larger than Merritt, Kamloops still has no infrastructure for gay and lesbian teens. As a result, Hummel is trying to build from ground zero. She works with a steering committee that includes teachers, health care and social workers, and government.

Leighann Wichman runs a similar program in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where there is a more established gay community. As a result, the program didn't have to start from ground zero and has been able to be very visibly active. It has several components, including youth groups that meet several times a month and an education program for the community.

"We want to build groups for the schools that are both support and social action groups made up of lesbian, gay, bisexual and heterosexual students," said Wichman, noting the groups are popular in Vermont and Massachusetts. The Halifax group is hosting a conference in March for youth on forming gay/straight alliances in high schools.

"Gay students are facing severe isolation and don't really know who their allies are. At the same time, we talk to a lot of heterosexual students who are very gay positive and are always asking, 'Well, what can we do?'"

Wichman's vision includes groups of gay and straight students working together on awareness projects like poster campaigns and social events too.

For many gay and lesbian teens, life is very difficult. For those in the closet, it is one of isolation. For those who are out, it can be even worse. A worker at a gay and lesbian youth group in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, said many students in his area are beaten and harassed. Being honest about one's sexuality is particularly difficult for youth in small, rural communities because there is simply nobody they feel comfortable talking to, there are no resources, and it is almost impossible to build a support network, he continued.

But the same problems also exist in urban settings, according to Vanessa Russell, a teacher with the Triangle Program in Toronto.

"Most of the kids who end up here are shell-shocked when they arrive," said Russell. "They have faced harassment or physical assault at school on an ongoing basis and have not been able to get the protection they need from adults in the school— either teachers, principals or guidance counselors. They have either been ignored or told to tough it out."

The four-year-old Triangle Program is a satellite program for queer students within Oasis Alternative Secondary School. Although it is funded by the public school board, its students come out of schools in both the public and separate boards.

The program is open to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students, as well as straight students who have been affected by homophobia—either because their parents are lesbian or gay, or because they fit a stereotype that Russell described as "the femmey boy or the butchy girl."

"Our mornings are individualized study where students are working at their own pace on the subjects that they need," Russell explained. "The afternoons are group classes where we do a les/bi/gay and transgendered curriculum."

Although the program is unique in Canada, it is in danger because of declining support for public education in Ontario. Its difficulties were the focus of a recent article in Toronto's gay and lesbian newspaper, *Xtra!*

The program is run by Russell, who is a full-time teacher, along with a part-time teacher, part-time social worker and part-time street worker. The program is currently running at its capacity, with 20 students and a long waiting list.

"The board has a responsibility to protect many different marginalized groups," said Russell. "They have a mandatory duty to respond to complaints of homophobic harassment. If that isn't happening, those boards are contravening the Human Rights Code in Ontario."

Back in Merritt, where he has little support, Alex says communities need to recognize their gay and lesbian population. In his community, someone who spoke openly on gay issues probably wouldn't be chased away— just ignored.

"Also, encouragement of students who are gay and lesbian, because they often feel that they're alone," he said. "There should be programs or clubs where they can meet other students who are of a similar nature."

Though many youth groups are booming, things need to change before students can really be open about who they are.

"There's a lot of homophobia in the high schools," said Wichman. "As far as I'm concerned, it's hell to be gay in high schools here. It's probably like that all across the country."

- Craig Saunders is a former Martleteer who likes to run naked through the forest with wild abandon. His latest role in life is as a desk editor for Canadian Forum *magazine.*

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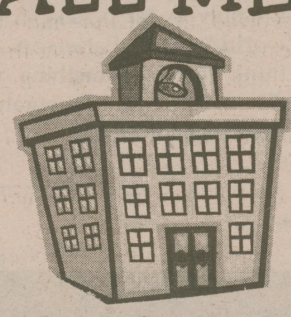

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Mandate: to review information technology uses at the University of Victoria and to develop a plan for information technology for the University over the next five years.

DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 1999
TIME: Noon to 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Classroom Building, Room C122
AND
DATE: Thursday, March 4, 1999
TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Classroom Building, Room C118

The committee is seeking the views of the University community on information technology before beginning the plan. The Chair, Vice-President Academic and Provost, Dr.Penelope Codding, and members of the Committee will be present.

LGBA offers more than just a comfy couch

by Sarah Leipciger

So what is this thing called LGBA anyway? It's more than just comfy couches, for sure.

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance has its home in the SUB. It's a place for queer students—all queer students—to feel comfortable and open, and have a sense of community. Word has it they've got a great collection of couches too.

"It makes such a difference in our lives to form friendships with other queers," said Kirsten Patterson, a member of the LGBA. She says that although the LGBA takes part in political action, they try to uphold a balance between activism and a strictly social network.

On the political end of the spectrum, member Mark Nugent says the LGBA provides a voice for the queer community on campus and promotes awareness.

You might have seen students playing dead in the SUB on Monday—that was an LGBA event called the Die-in, and was put on to raise students' awareness about the reality of queer bashing.

"We want to make sure queers are visible on campus," said Nugent.

The Die-in is one of many political moves organized by the LGBA. In October, the group hosted a vigil for Matthew Shepard, a queer youth who was brutally murdered in the U.S. the same month. They also organize letter writing and campaigns to raise queer awareness.

Although political action is one priority for the LGBA, members stress that its dynamic as a social group is also important.

Nugent, who said he was aware of the LGBA for over a year before he had the courage to go to the office, said that just knowing they were there made him feel like he had support on campus.

Patterson agrees. "Even people still closeted can find comfort just knowing we're here, even if they never come in," she said.

The office, aside from the couches, has a resource centre equipped with queer magazines and books, both fiction and non-fiction. The doors are open all day, five days a week, and the LGBA urges people to drop in any time they want to—whether they have come out yet or not. The group also holds coming-out discussions every second Thursday evening in a private room in the SUB.

"Without some sort of community you feel like you're the only queer person in the world," said Patterson. "I think there's something we can all relate to; I desperately need that connection."

on the line

i am living on the line
on a border best
not crossed.
counting crushes for that
magic number that would
tell me who i am and
who i love.
hoping helplessly for change
to make me what i'm not
and wishing i could live
and just let love.
but when you're living on the
line,
on the border best not crossed,
you're expected to stake your
flag;
black or white?
one or the other
i wish it were that simple.
you're damned if you do,
and damned if you don't.
one or the other are
my options,
both and neither
don't apply,
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on the border best
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trying to make a life
for myself
amidst this rubble
we call love.
one side or the other
i wish it were
that simple.

-nov.7, 1998
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Pujol finally gets deserved recognition

by Mary Vallis

Although the future surrounding the naming of classrooms in the Centre for Innovative Teaching (CIT) may have lessened, the trends of naming rooms on campus is continuing.

The latest naming announcement comes from the UVSS, who voted unanimously to honour a past women's studies professor with a room in the Student Union Building at their Monday night meeting.

her students.

"I'm really glad that a place where students go to learn on their own terms is being named for Pujol," she said. "There has to be a lasting remembrance of Michele on this campus. What I've learned from her can't be replaced...Even if students don't get to learn from her they should still know her name."

Helen Rezanowich, the women's studies department secretary, agrees.

Though the Classroom Building wasn't named for renowned women's studies prof Michele Pujol, she will soon be recognized in the Student Union Building.

File photo

The SUB Multipurpose Room will soon become known as the Michele Pujol Hall in the deceased professor's honour.

Dr. Michele Pujol passed away peacefully in August 1997 in her Saltspring Island home.

"We just thought it would be appropriate to name one of our rooms after her," said Director of Academics Anita Zaenker. "It's a way of honouring Michele."

There have been several attempts to have Pujol's contribution to UVic recognized since her passing, but this is the first formal recognition the professor will receive. Last spring, former women's studies student Adrienne Mercer suggested that the 1996 Classroom Building be named after Pujol, but UVic chose not to name the building at all because the university could not find a donor willing to donate the $6.3 million it would take to get recognition.

Michele Pujol's name was mentioned once again when corporate names for classrooms in the CIT were first announced last September as a positive alternative to recognizing financial contributions to the university community.

Mercer said it's appropriate that the professor will be recognized by the students' society and not the university, because it reflects Pujol's commitment to

"We're really happy about it because Michele was such an advocate for students," she said.

Pujol's list of achievements includes the development of the first-ever lesbian studies course at UVic, which encourages students to look beyond their own experience or interests, and a book entitled *Feminism and Anti-Feminism in Early Economic Thought*.

The professor is most renowned for a controversial "lesbian walk" she conducted as a class project. She asked students to walk around campus holding hands with another student of the same sex and to reflect on taking on a supposed lesbian identity.

The assignment sparked a student complaint of discrimination to the B.C. Human Rights Commission in 1995, but that complaint was dismissed in October.

While the complaint brought national attention to Pujol's teaching method, she is best remembered by her students for her commitment to social justice issues and her quiet but effective presence within the department.

Although an official date has not been set for a naming ceremony for the SUB Multipurpose Room, the students' society is planning to commemorate Pujol sometime before April.

On the Spot

What makes you assume someone is straight?

Karen Carmen, 4th year English

I don't assume anything. They could be anything.

Daniel Martin, 4th year English and history

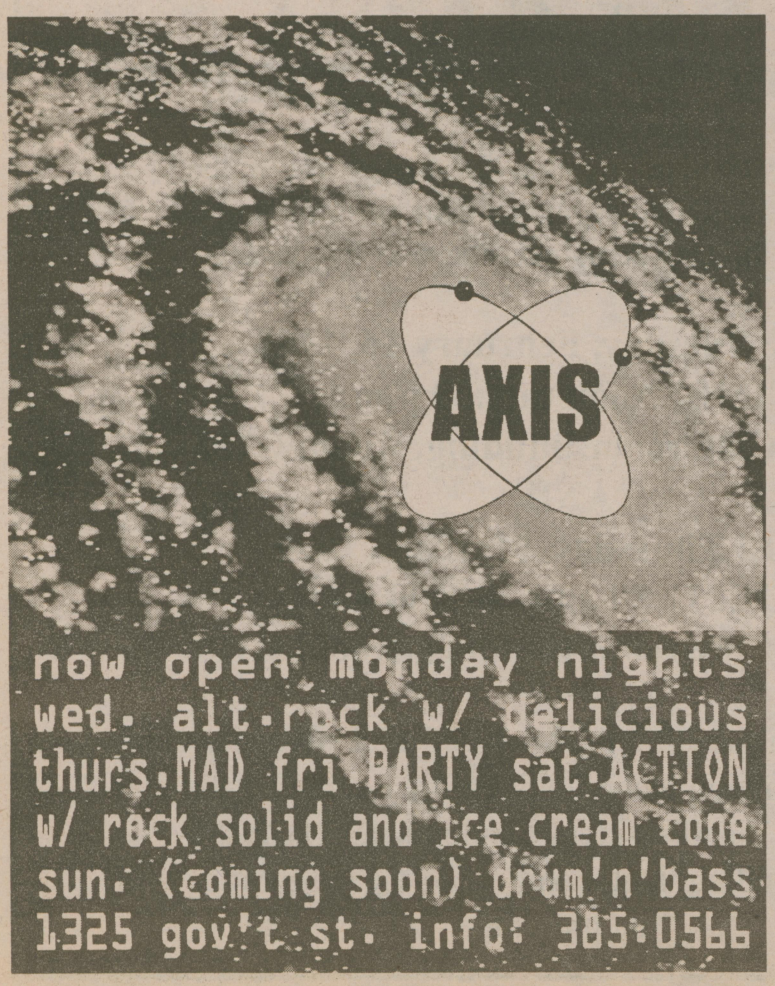
I don't. That's about all I have to say. I don't.

Antonia Freybe-Smith, co-op art history

I don't know...their shoes?

Ward Griffis, 4th year sociology

Holy! I don't know. I don't usually pay attention to that. It doesn't matter to me.



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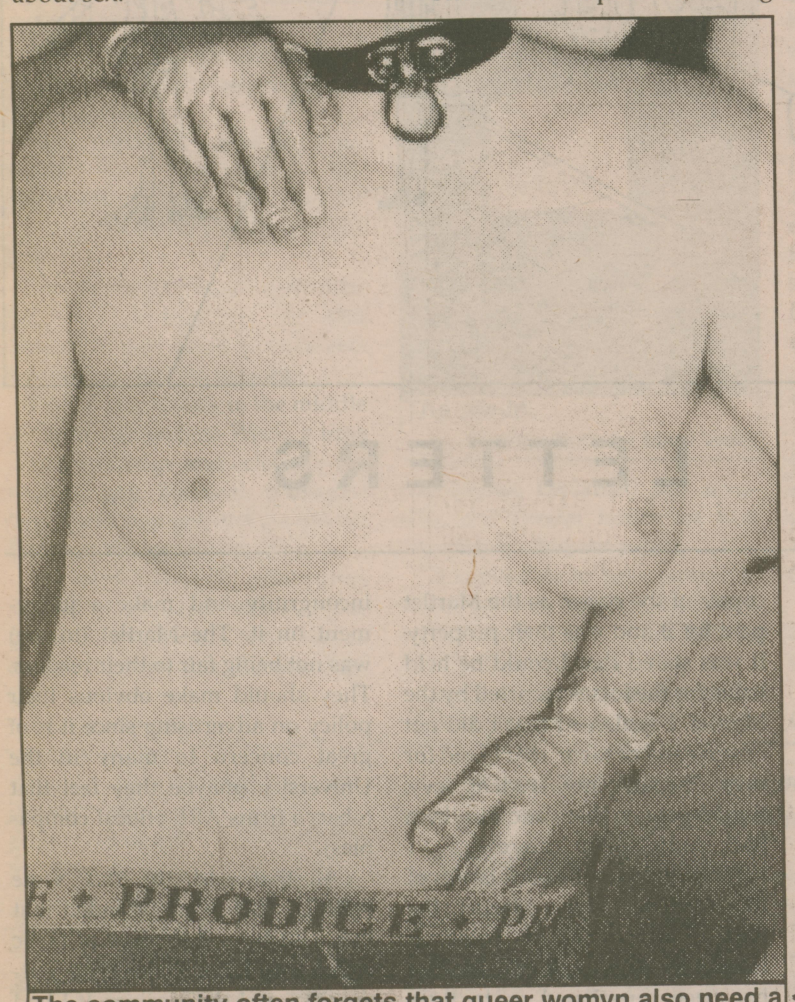
How do queer womyn talk about sex, (baby)?

by Kathryn Saunders

It may seem like queer womyn are those who need to worry about AIDS the least. But that doesn't mean they shouldn't worry, and thanks to a forum on womyn's sexual health that is being held on Feb. 27, queer womyn will have a chance to talk about sex.

The event aspires to bring womyn from the queer community—including bisexual, lesbian and transgendered womyn—together to discuss the myths and truths of queer womyn's attitudes and beliefs surrounding womyn's sexual health and what they hope to see in an outreach project.



The community often forgets that queer womyn also need a forum for discussing safe sex.

photo by Heather Brown

Heather Brown, a member of the organizing group, hopes that the forum will engage queer womyn in a dialogue about how we talk about sex and sexual health.

"We want to ask questions such as, 'Why is it difficult for queer womyn to talk about sex?'" said Brown.

The forum will discuss this question and others of interest to queer womyn, and will be held at the Women's Creative Network (a.k.a. the G Spot) downtown on Store Street. The event marks the hopeful beginnings of womyn's outreach through AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI).

Tathra Street, who works with AVI, emphasizes the importance of reclaiming our sexuality by talking about sex in an environment created with the needs of queer womyn in mind. She makes the connection between self esteem and sexual health and hopes to communicate the importance of these in the upcoming forum.

Christina Harris, one of the forum's organizers, agrees.

"We need to discuss the lack of information about queer womyn and STDs," said Harris.

This forum comes at a much needed time in the queer womyn's community, and its organizers hope to dispel myths surrounding queer womyn's sexual practices and attitudes. Organizers of the event feel it will be a refreshing change to see information about healthy sexual practices for queer womyn because they are a group largely ignored in traditional sex education and often incorrectly considered at low risk of contracting STDs.

The organizers hope that this forum will increase interest in developing womyn's outreach through AVI. Plans will likely include a further outreach into the bisexual and straight womyn's communities.

AVI will also be in attendance at the upcoming Valternative GrooveFest, and will be distributing Sex Packs containing condoms, latex gloves, lube and a diagram of how to make a dental dam from a condom.

The womyn's sexual health forum will be held at 7:30 on Feb. 27 at the G-Spot at 1910 Store Street. For more information, call 382-SPOT.

Big bad Brett

Contra/Diction: New Queer Male Fiction

Edited by Brett Josef Grubisic

by M.Y. Littley

Four years ago, Brett Grubisic reviewed *Queeries* (1994, Dennis Denisoff) for *the Martlet*. Since then Grubisic has moved to Vancouver, started his PhD in English at UBC and just published his first collection of stories, *Contra/Diction: New Queer Male Fiction*.

"The stories suggest that there are many, many forms of both masculinity and (homo)sexuality," said Grubisic. "And a good number are not routinely seen in the pages of *Out* or in the flickering light that is another Hollywood film featuring palatable, asexual, market-friendly gay men."

Contra/Diction is not like the infamous/controversial (and entirely non-existent) kiss between Billy and man x on *Melrose Place*.

It is real, unforgettable, definitely not pretty, maybe even a little dirty.

Grubisic discussed the book with *the Martlet*:

How do you get from a PhD specializing in 20th Century British Fiction to publishing a queer anthology?

Since most of my life is spent outside of the English department and as an avid reader of fiction, I was not always satisfied with the fiction I was reading, most of which is imported by the U.S. I was very impressed by *Queeries*, so I approached Arsenal Press— they are known to be homo-friendly, they have published *Queeries*, both *Queer View Mirror*(s), *Hot & Bothered*, and they seemed a logical place to start. As I say in my intro, I was concerned with what I see as an ongoing mainstreaming of gay culture that emphasizes consumerism at the expense of political involvement; an identity that is happy to overlook race or low-economic standing or just bad qualities.

Were you pleased/content/satisfied with the book?

Yes. If I were to do another one, though, I would be happy to receive more fiction from a broader range of perspectives and geographic locations. In Canada, virtually all of my submissions came from Vancouver and Toronto.

When I was at your Vancouver launch, my experience with the anthology changed by seeing and hearing the actual writers read. How did you experience the difference between written and spoken?

One of the pleasures for me was actually meeting with the writers who, up until that point, had existed in cyber space. The live readings, with the writers' mannerisms and intonations, add whole layers to the story you don't get otherwise. Plus I got to see if my images of writers matched the actual person.

How has the critical reception been?

Good—I'm told. Even though I've written really harsh reviews it was surprising for me to hear other critics' perspectives on my work, so for the time being I've decided I'm too sensitive and ask people just to give me the gist of the review.

Do you have any upcoming projects planned?

At the moment I need to stop procrastinating and continue work on my dissertation.

Contra/Diction is a new collection of 32 queer stories by writers from both Canada and the U.S., compiled by Brett Josef Grubisic.

They are provocative, involving readings. The fiction in *Contra/Diction* is not easy to categorize, nor is it easily digestible.

Contra/Diction wishes to speak loudly from the margins, articulating a specific storytelling "queerness" that is politicized, sexualized and without mercy. It exposes elements of gay culture not readily accessible.

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EDITORIAL

Queer by definition

Queer... it's what we're calling this special issue of *the Martlet*, it's how I identify, it's an effective inclusive label for all of us that aren't heterosexual. I prefer it to lesbian, gay, homosexual... these are all too clinical and, with the exception of lesbian, all too male-focused for my liking.

The only problem is that it has also been used by homophobes and school children to harass and scold those of us that they think are "queer." Everyone remembers queer as the generic name that people were called for all manners of third grade offenses. Many gay people I know aren't yet able to reclaim the term and reassign it a positive connotation. I can't say that I blame them; many of us were tormented growing up.

I think that reclaiming language is an incredibly important and effective political act. Hey it even got into that great *Simpsons* episode with the Steel Workers... "Hey that was our word! we used to use it to make fun of you...(pout)." When you reclaim a negative word and make it your own it no longer holds the weight it used to.... 'they' can't use it anymore. It's ours.

I hope that people aren't turned off by our use of queer. Please look at it as a political action, a reference to ourselves and the freedom that we need for self-definition.

Thirty years queer

Thirty years after the Stonewall riots it's time to take a look at where we are and where we are going. True, the culture of oppression seems to be fading and we love to fly our pride flags, but is coming out any easier today than it was three decades ago? And despite the fact that you can choose from at least five to 10 glossy queer magazines on most stands, watch Will and Grace on Tuesday nights or catch a queer film at the Odeous, it's as if denial is the new way to express homophobia.There is no barometer to measure how out we are as opposed to how oppressed we are, but it seems clear that it's easier to be out in the SUB than the McKinnon Gym, just like it's easier to feel safe in Cook Street Village than in the deepest darkest heart of Esquimalt. Queer equality can be achieved, but only by the work of all queers and not on behalf of the "straight-looking, straight-acting" or those who out of shame choose to present a homogenized version of queer for straight consumption.

Catalytic Converters

Not very long ago, the governments of Canada and the U.S. proposed legislation requiring catalytic converters in automobiles. The Big Three Automakers were outraged, claiming that the devices would send the cost of automobiles through the roof. Now catalytic converters are a regular part of automobiles, often costing less than a car's entertainment system.

AND WE WONDERED WHAT THE FUSS WAS ALL ABOUT

Then, a few years later, a human rights case was debated over the use of turbans in the RCMP. Complaints flared up all over the country, claiming that this would lead to the demise of our national symbol. Now turbans are part of the RCMP, and the RCMP haven't ch..ged all that much.

AND WE WONDERED WHAT THE FUSS WAS ALL ABOUT

Now, Parliament is pending legislation to grant same sex-couples the same benefits and responsibilities which apply to opposite sex couples. Complaints are coming in from right wing religious groups, claiming that this will lead to the demise of the 'traditional' family.

In the cases in which benefits have been granted to same-sex couples, it has been found that there is not much of an impact on the costs to employers, and there are hardly any differences in children raised by same sex couples versus those raised in 'traditional' families.

In a few years, same sex couples will be treated as if they were opposite-sex couples, and the 'traditional' family will remain intact. When this happens, we too, will look back on this period in the late 20th century.

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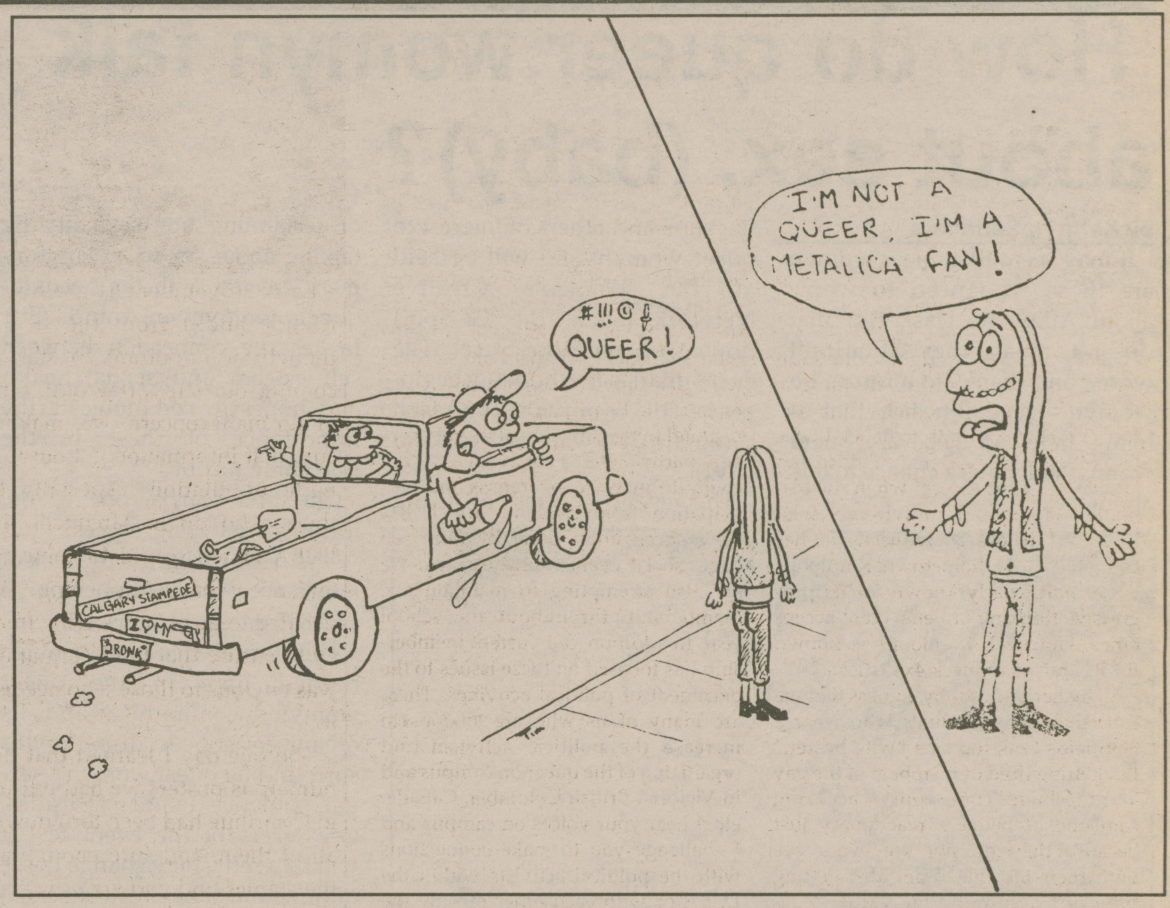

LETTERS

The Martlet vandal speaks

Editors,

In a manoeuvre that could be termed chicken shit, useless, unfair, biased, obscene and trite, I took a number of the Martlet papers from boxes in the SUB and wrote a commentary on the front and back page. Some of you may have seen it. The cover may have had "The Martlet" crossed out and/or replaced with a new name like "Apathist" or "Corporate Ho" and the words "see back page" scrawled in black marker beside an article on "McClassroooms". On the back page you may have found any number of obscenities directed at the Martlet, statements against unethical advertising, hypocrisy and references to false politics. The page in question was a colour ad for "Player's Racing". Two back pages were taped to distribution boxes, one to a wall and another to the front door of the UVSS office - all of these were defaced versions. The papers were altered in plain view of the public as I sat in front of the Cinecenta Snack Bar. The event took place in the early afternoon on the day of distribution. The total number of altered papers is anywhere between thirty and forty, but it is hard to tell (approximately 0.4% of the total run). I did not keep track. None of the copies were destroyed, they were all placed back into the distribution boxes.

On my way outside after picking up a second load of papers, a staff member confronted me, saying that I was not allowed to distribute or throw them out. She was very angry. She took them back and went down to the office. She was accompanied by another staff member. I returned with them to the office, asking them what was wrong. Although it is difficult to recount all the details of the next ten or twenty minutes, this is what I remember: I was informed that I was not allowed to destroy any copies of the paper, as the Martlet paid for it and was their property. It was stated that I could be held liable for the losses incurred by the Martlet. I explained that I did not destroy any of them, that I paid for them through my student levy, that I wrote on them and put them back. At this point I digress.

If one peruses the back issues of this academic year's Martlet, the issue of advertising has come up frequently. Repeatedly the Martlet has been questioned as to their stance in regards to advertising content because of the presence of ads from companies like Imperial Tobacco and Microsoft. Also present in the Martlet are numerous editorials which deal with Anti-Corporatism, Governmental Oppression and Human Rights Movements. They have even covered their fair share of revolutionists and struggles. This issue has even been brought up on Public Affairs programming on CFUV.

The Martlet maintains a boycott list of companies that they feel are not ethical enough to deal with (i.e.: they won't let them buy advertising). Further, they also hold review meetings which allow Martlet staff and the public to direct the material printed each week. The Martlet is always soliciting and wanting input.

I question those reading this piece: When you saw the ad on the back, did you think of racing or cigarettes? When you read the article on the front page, did the presence of the ad make sense to you?

Quite plainly (to me) it did not. A paper takes an Anti-corporate stance and then trivializes it by accepting funds from a large and often boycotted company. Are you confused? The purpose of the defacement was to draw direct attention to this confusing stance, especially since other ways of addressing it did not seem to be working.

"If the Martlet was not listening to letters and radio shows, maybe they would pay attention to this", I thought.

More importantly, maybe more students would recognize this incongruity and make a judgement on it. The Martlet (to me) was not being fair to their readers. They should make obvious their policy on advertising since it is of great concern to many in the University (maybe they feel that tobacco firms ARE ethical companies).

All that said, the staff were PISSED. They were offended that they had been the target of tactic which they had only been the purveyor of, not the receiver. If I had scanned a "Sony" logo or a "McDonalds" logo and altered it to say "Phony" or "McDomination", I am sure they would not have been PISSED. I might have made the front page (ha ha).

I do not want the Martlet to change their stance to bring it in line with radical left wing politics. I do not want them to be super conservatists either. I just want them to be plain and obvious - transparent - as to where they stand. As to the feelings that I hurt, I am sorry. It was not the intent of this student activist to hurt the feelings of any one particular person. But think of how upset and offended I was to be delivered a confusing, contradictory position. Every time I read an article criticizing corporate control, and then see an ad for one in the following pages of the same publication, I am seriously offended. Do they think I am a lummox?

It is often important for publications to make a clear distinction between editorial content and advertising. Advertising pays the bills. Maybe the message that the Martlet is trying to deliver is that they can take advantage of corporate funds and bash them at the same time, thus subjugating a traditionally held belief that corporations are in control of our world.

Peace compadres.

—Paul Parker

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best of the queer issue letters

Queer issue stereotypes

Editors,

I guess that it is all right for an individual with an alternative sex lifestyle to label heterosexuals, but it is incorrect for heterosexuals to label LGBs. Nic Meeson lost all credibility in her article "Yes I am Queer" when she blatantly stereotyped individuals who drive 4x4 trucks as rednecks in her comment, "My hometown Kamloops is not particularly known for its progressive thinking or benevolent acceptance. However, Kamloops is known for its...raised redneck 4x4 trucks."

So by her philosophy, I guess that we can label all individuals who wear a Stanfields tank top as a "wife beater." I'm getting tired of members of the gay and lesbian community accusing someone of being a reactionary just because they do not see eye-to-eye with their lifestyle. I am also getting tired of heterosexual individuals condemning the lifestyle of members of the gay and lesbian community. How is name calling going to solve society's problems? Before we know it, any card carrying member of the Reform Party is going to be labeled homophobic just because of the statements of one of its members.

—Dan Pysh
1997

More sparks for the fire

Editors,

The Queer issue of the Martlet seems to have sparked a bit of discourse on campus. I am glad to see this happen and I'd like to add my personal voice to it. The article re: LGBA as a social environment ran in the Queer Edition. Being an elected member of the LGBA Board for the last year, I am well aware of the reasons we have made moves toward a more "social space". Past members/founders have fought long and hard at great personal expense to establish the LGBA as a constituency group on campus. As a result, we have the luxury of "socializing" for the moment. I can't say that I am satisfied with this limited presence but it is a reality. The Board of the LGBA has to respond to the direction of its members and participants. First of all, we are trying to increase awareness and participation from students which has been successfully done by our web page, social events and outreach. We are also attempting to maintain our membership throughout the school year. In addition, our current membership has focused on these issues to the detriment of political activities. There are many of us who are anxious to increase the political activism and organizing of the queer on campus and in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, etc. I hear your voices on campus and I challenge you to make connections with the political activists within the LGBA or with each other outside the LGBA. However, without a strong call from membership for political involvement, the LGBA will continue to be an outreach and support organization. I hope this discourse continues but we cannot act in isolation. The LGBA is designed to meet the needs of the queer community on campus—use it! If you think we are too social—change it!

On a related topic, somehow the room for rent posters stating "queer woman preferred" have become the focus of much backlash (re: last two weeks editorial letters). Honestly, what was it supposed to say?! "Homophobe preferred to invade our home"? May I point out it said "preferred" and that almost all posters for housing on campus express some type of preference...At least the poster told people what to expect. Really, if this is the biggest thing you have to complain about—I suggest you get a new hobby.

—Rebecca Whitley
1998

raging dyke

Last November a group of friends and I from the LGBA thought it important to start a coming out support group. One of our main concerns was making sure that information got out to a wide population, especially to those who do not frequent the LGBA or are scared to come by and see what's happening. We decided to go on a postering frenzy to ensure that the information was obvious to those who needed it.

So one day I learned that the numerous posters we had put up in Clearihue had been torn down, all of them, and sure enough all the staples and corners of yellow paper were still on the boards among all the other notices. I then learned that some of the posters in certain residence buildings had been defaced.

This pisses me off for several reasons. First, having posters torn down prevents accomplishing the central goal, to get the information out. It also negates all the effort that went into making the posters and distributing them.

Second, and most importantly, is that this incredibly overt homophobia has several implications. For anyone who has never had to "come out," let me try to explain how terrifying it is. Imagine being so afraid to tell your family and friends something about yourself that is out of your control, that you don't sleep, become depressed, worry excessively, or possibly even contemplate suicide. You live a secret life because you are too afraid that you will be branded as not normal, as worthless. You fear that you will lose friendships, or that they will change to an unimaginable extent. You fear that your parents will disown you, think that you need help, wonder what went wrong. You worry about being treated differently, about being the outcast, that you will no longer be accepted. You are full of shame.

For anyone who is going through this process, seeing crude comments on posters about a coming out support group, or seeing the remains of posters that were there one day then torn down the next, is only going to make it more difficult and enforce feelings of shame and worthlessness. At a time when support is crucial, this is worse than a slap in the face. It prolongs the process and makes it that much harder.

I would hope that these people, who failed to think for at least a day, understand why what they did was so hurtful and harmful to so many people, and open their mind to the point of thinking about the consequences of their actions and ignorance.

—Nicole Tenter

Coming out was a trip. Before I knew it, I had left the straight world behind me without realizing where I was going. I needed time to put my life into perspective so I headed for Saltspring Island. As I drove off the ferry, I noticed a strange looking man hitchhiking at the side of the road. He wore a black rim hat, a bathrobe, a sheriff's star, and walked with a golf club as a cane. He intrigued me and, since I had nowhere to go, I pulled over to offer him a ride. His name was Buck. When I asked where he was going, a smile appeared through his thick white beard and he replied, "to the basement of reality."

After a tour of the island, Buck invited me to set up camp on his property. As we pulled into the driveway he turned to me and announced, "We have now left Canada, welcome to the Land of One." One was a country based on freedom, equality, and peace, where everyone adds up to one. That night Buck shared his philosophy on life. He was a man of principle. He lived life the way he wanted, to hell what others thought. A lesson I would incorporate into my life.

Buck explained that seven was the universal number. Not only is it a lucky number but there are seven chakras that coincide with the seven colours of the spectrum. I had always thought that there were only six colours in the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple. But Buck dispelled that myth and explained that the colour spectrum included two shades of blue.

The next day during meditation, the significance of the second shade of blue came to me. As an artist, I always incorporated the six colours of the rainbow into my designs. It was through my art I derived a feeling of pride. But this pride never seemed to outweigh the shame I felt for being gay. I explained to Buck that possibly the second shade of blue was the missing link between me and a stronger sense of pride. He responded by holding up on of the rainbow dream catchers I had made and asked me to take a closer look. I was astonished to discover that, unconsciously, I had incorporated two shades of blue. What I thought I was missing, I had all along.

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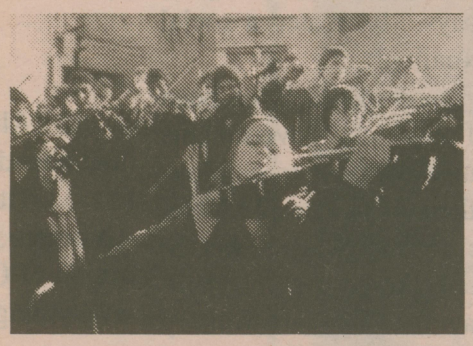
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—Mary Vallis
on family pride

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Thirty Year

by Mia Rabson

For a man who forced the government to change the constitution of Canada to include protection for gays and lesbians, James Egan is surprisingly small and serene. During an address at last summer's Queering the Nation conference at York University, Egan expressed disappointment, rather than bitterness, at the state of gay rights in Canada.

Egan is a 77-year-old former carpenter and biological technician who lives with Jack Nesbit, his partner of 50 years, in Courtenay, British Columbia. In 1987, Egan applied, on Nesbit's behalf, for old-age spousal benefits under the Old Age Security Act. His application was rejected and an eight-year court battle ensued. Their fight went through all the levels of justice and ended up in the Supreme Court of Canada. In May 1995, the court handed down a mixed judgment. It agreed that defining a spouse as someone of the opposite sex was discriminatory, and said discrimination based on sexual orientation should be included in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Canada's constitutional guarantee of equality. But in the very next breath, the court rejected Egan and Nesbit's application for spousal benefits stating reasonable discrimination of equality.

"How discrimination that contravenes the charter can be reasonable is completely beyond my comprehension," Egan says. "I just don't get it."

Yet none of this came as a surprise to Egan. "I would have been bitterly disappointed if they figured out some way to give us a spousal benefit because it would not have gone to court."

The Old Age Act provides pension benefits for people who are financially dependent on the pension of their spouse. Initially, the benefit was designed to aid women who left the work force to raise children and therefore had no pension, but it has grown to encompass many more people. The restrictions state the elder spouse must be at least 65, the younger between 60 and 65. There is also a maximum allowable combined income (Currently it is $21,703; when Egan applied it was $16,000). While the couple met all of these requirements, they were rejected because the legal definition of a spouse in Canada refers to heterosexual couples.

No matter what Canadians might like to think, homophobia is alive and well in a province near you. While the Charter of Rights now includes sexual orientation, only eight provinces and one territory have changed their legislation to include it. Alberta, Prince Edward Island and the Northwest Territories have not.

In June 1994, Bob Rae's New Democratic Party government in Ontario attempted to pass a bill changing the definition of a family in Ontario to all same-sex marriages, but they were bitterly defeated. On the flip side, this year Scarborough Liberal Member of Parliament Tom Wappel introduced a bill to ban same-sex marriages. "If same-sex people can get married, why not a brother and sister?" asked Wappel. "If somebody does not do something about trying to defend the established norm, then it will no longer be the established norm."

In addition, same sex couples are not allowed to adopt children anywhere but in British Columbia and Ontario. These are also the only two provinces where gays and lesbians are permitted to make medical decisions on behalf of their incapacitated partner. Tax benefits, employment, education and labour laws continue to discriminate against homosexuals throughout the country.

In 1991, Delwin Vriend was fired by the Alberta Christian school where he taught, after his sexual orientation was discovered by officials. The subsequent court battle led to a Supreme Court ruling forcing the province to read sexual orientation into their Human Rights Code. When Ralph Klein's Conservative government voted to uphold the court's decision in April of this year, thousands of angry Albertans called his office and wrote him hate-inspired letters, which Klein told reporters made him ill to read. Last year in British Columbia a Surrey school board unsuccessfully tried to ban two books with homosexual references from elementary classrooms. Anti-gay groups continually push to ban queer-positive messages from sex education classes in both elementary and high schools.

These incidents say nothing of the discrimination gays and lesbians face on a day-to-day basis. They are often shunned by their families and friends or harassed by strangers. "Gay bashing," the term coined for violent acts against homosexuals, occurs more often than Canadians might think. Most hate crimes go unreported, but in 1995 the Federal Justice Department estimated as many as 9,000 cases, 11 per cent of which they attributed to attacks on gays and lesbians.

Tom Warner, head of the Coalition for Gays and Lesbians in Ontario, believes these forms of discrimination are nothing new. "They don't want any laws to recognize gays and lesbians, so they use the pretext of condoning homophobia as a way to generate opposition," he says. " Terms such as gay propaganda and promoting homosexuality have been cited for four decades, usually by fundamentalist Christian groups."

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THE LONG ROAD

Despite all these incidents, Canada has made major milestones in protecting gay rights in the past 30 years. It really began on May 14, 1969, with Pierre Trudeau's governing federal Liberal party passing Bill C-150, which decriminalized homosexuality. It caused a heated debate in the House of Commons. Until that time, homosexuals could be arrested and charged with committing acts of gross indecency, punishable by up to five years in prison. In the case that sparked the bill, a Northwest Territories man, Everett Klippert, was convicted of four counts of gross indecency and sentenced to three years for each, which he served concurrently. He was later labeled a dangerous sexual offender and incarcerated indefinitely.

Shortly after the bill's passage, the American Psychiatric Association took homosexuality off its list of psychological diseases.

Toronto lawyer and gay rights activist Susan Ursel says these steps were the foundation of the gay rights movement.

"With decriminalization of homosexual sex, it became possible to begin fighting the challenges of gay and lesbian people to be out about themselves," she says. "It created a social context in which to talk about homosexuality."

In the last two decades, even more strides have been made. The federal government, several provincial governments and many private companies have opened the door to employment benefits for same-sex partners of their employees. In 1986, the federal government amended the Human Rights Act to include homosexuals. In 1988, the United Church began ordaining gays and lesbians. The year 1992 saw the Canadian military allow openly gay men and women to join the forces.

According to Crown attorney Michael Leshner, as more gays and lesbians come out, the gay rights movement becomes stronger.

"Coming out of the closet is the most revolutionary act," Leshner says. "When just one person stands up and says no, it's a revolution."

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Canadian History on Gay Rights

May 1969: Federal government votes 149 to 55 in favour of bill C-150, decriminalizing homosexual sex.

August 1973: First Gay Pride Week in Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal and Ottawa.

December 1977: Quebec becomes the first province to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

July 1987: Manitoba votes to add sexual orientation to their Human Rights Code.

August 1988: The United Church of Canada begins ordaining gays and lesbians.

November 1989: First Supreme Court ruling in favour of homosexual rights when an Ontario prison inmate is allowed conjugal visits with his same-sex partner.

October 1990: Toronto and Vancouver vote to extend benefits, not including survivor pensions, to same-sex partners of municipal employees.

January 1991: Ontario extends benefits to same-sex partners of provincial employees.

July 1991: Nova Scotia votes to include sexual orientation in their human rights code.

June 1992: British Columbia and New Brunswick add sexual orientation to their human rights code.

October 1992: Canadian military allows openly gay men and women to join the force.

July 1993: Saskatchewan adds sexual orientation to it's human rights code.

June 1994: Ontario NDP government defeated in a bill allowing same-sex marriages.

May 1995: Supreme Court rules discrimination due to sexual orientation must be written into the human rights code in the Jim Egan case, while voting against extending a spousal pension to his partner, Jack Nesbitt.

May 1996: Federal government votes in favour of Bill C-33, amending the Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians.

September 1997: Ontario Human Rights Commission fines mayor of London, Ontario after she refuses to proclaim Gay Pride Day.

April 1998: Alberta votes to uphold a Supreme Court ruling to read sexual orientation into the province's human rights code.

Valternation is the spice of life

by Max Dempster

The Valternative GrooveFest is coming to Vertigo on Feb. 13. It is an anti-fashion show which features local performers and designers.

"Anti-fashion is about thumbing our nose at all the messages we get from the media and fashion industry that we should all be tall, skinny and white," said Renee Stephen, the festival's coordinator. "The show has three focuses, it is a fun way to send up the whole heterosexist idea of who and what we should be. It is a mega celebration of ourselves in our rich diversity in all our shapes, colours and sexual preferences. It is also a fundraiser."

Half of the money raised will go to support the Women of Our People Native Women's Sexual Assault Centre. The other half will be split between the LGBA and the Women's Centre.

"A lot of the representation of what we should look like and who we should be applies to about 50 per cent of people," said Stephen. To counter this, 50 per cent of the performers in the show will be people of colour, people of size, First Nations people and people of varying abilities with a lot of queer participation as well.

Anna Fritz and Joe Carlson (a First Nations man of size) will host the show as Drag King and Queen. Her stage name is Slim Jim and his is Ana Bolic.

> "It was interesting to see women on stage take off their clothes and be completely proud and self-confident in the fetish wear. It's neat because it's not like strippers, it's anybody and everybody."

They both have a lot of energy and will see that the crowd has a good time.

The designers are all local people (the designer of Love Your Peaches is a local person but has made it big and is designing in New York), and the variety of styles includes environmentally-friendly SM wear made from recycled rubber, designs for women of size, First Nations designs, medieval wear and more.

"The fetish wear display is hilarious. It was interesting to see women on stage take off their clothes and be completely proud and self-confident in the fetish wear," said Stephanie Kitchen, the assistant coordinator. "It's neat because it's not like strippers, it's anybody and everybody."

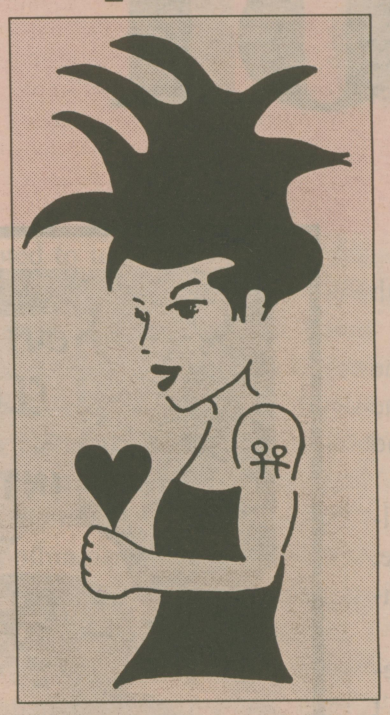
The performances, also by locals, include Linda Raino's Big Dance, who got a standing ovation at last year's show.

"It's a dance troupe with an edge," said Colleen Sheehan, a fan of the group. "They are incredible, fluid, beautiful. They dispel a lot of myths about body size and dance."

Shawnnah Farkas, Coordinator of the Women's Centre, said other performers include the feminist comedy theatrical group Aphy's Wax, singer Kia Kadiri and Rain Shadow (funk, hip hop, soul dance music), plus an Argentinean Tango danced by two women.

There will also be a silent art auction of works by local artists.

The artistic community of UVic donated the art which will be on display in the SUB Multi-Purpose room.



Bidders will look around and sign a bid. Whoever has the highest bid at the end of the night gets the art work. Organizers will phone the successful bidder and arrange pick-up.

"I am getting a lot of photography, paintings, some ceramics, stained glass, and I am donating some of my own work which is jewelry," said Michelle Hoar, coordinator of the art auction.

"We do this to offer a venue to local artists, and it is a really good place to pick up some great art. All the money goes to charity," Farkas added.

"We are educating people in a fun and celebratory way," said Farkas. "When they walk through that door, they will find their assumptions challenged. They might not know if a model is a man or a woman, and they might ask themselves why that is important at all. I want people to see that gays, First Nations and other minorities are not the enemy. If we can come together for one evening and have a good time together maybe it will make a difference," Farkas said.

Tickets for GrooveFest are $7 in advance or $7 to $10 at the door. "We want everyone who can't afford $10 to be able to come to the show. We have had some tickets donated for people who can't afford to buy a ticket. We don't want to leave anyone out; it goes against the motive of the show to exclude people," said Amana Manori, festival coordinator, to explain the sliding scale entrance fee.

Last year the show sold out, and organizers had to turn 150 people away. Tickets are available at Lyle's Place and the Women's Centre.

In, out and about on CFUV airwaves

by Mary Vallis

They're coming. Queer airwaves. Into your home. And you might not even know it.

At campus radio station CFUV, queers are a part of the community. The station broadcasts three queer content shows per week as well as having gay programming throughout Pride Day last June, but program director Steve MacIsaac says the queer influence is stronger than CFUV listeners might think.

That's because the hosts of many shows do not equate their sexuality with their musical preference. But MacIsaac says those hosts are on air all the same. Although he encourages hosts to be open about their sexuality with their listening audience, MacIsaac says it's not a prerequisite for a queer host to include that information in every broadcast.

"Just to be queer doesn't mean you have to do a queer show," says MacIsaac. "But it is relevant information. It's just that people don't want to see it as relevant information."

Although MacIsaac agrees that his openness about his own queer sexuality plays a part in bringing queer radio to CFUV's listeners, he says the number of gay-positive programs on CFUV comes thanks to a variety of influences on the station.

CFUV currently broadcasts three shows on the queer theme, including *Girls Night In*, a Monday night show with alternating hosts that specializes in content for queer women. Monday's lineup also includes a syndicated show called *This Way Out*, an international gay and lesbian radio magazine.

Queer airwaves: Steve Chappell live on the air at CFUV.

Martlet photo by Mary Vallis

On Tuesday nights, Steve Chappell hosts *Queerly Canadian*, a show designed to inform gay and straight audiences alike.

Queerly Canadian has a long history with the station—it was once called *Queer and Present Danger* and had a different set of hosts.

Since then, the show has been passed down through generations of queer students with enough time to spare to keep it going through the years. Though the faces may change, the show remains a staple in UVic's queer community.

"I think a I have a very supportive network," Chappell says. "I felt it needed to be done. There's very little queer radio here on Vancouver Island."

Chappell says it's hard to find queer content for his show that fits into CFUV's alternative mandate because many of the well-known queer artists are just that—well known. However, he manages to work Phranc, Bob Mould and Ani DiFranco into his playlist more often than Boy George, the Pet Shop Boys and Melissa Etheridge.

"I hope I have an audience," Chappell laughs. "In some ways I feel like I don't."

All the same, Chappell is confident that this contribution to the local airwaves is a constructive one. He says giving a piece of being queer to the community and more of an understanding of his lifestyle to his listening audience is what really matters.

MacIsaac agrees.

"If all of your favourite DJs stood up for a day and said, 'Hey, I'm a def faggot and my tracks are wack,' you'd listen," he says.

However, MacIsaac does say CFUV may have less of a connection to the queer community than other campus radio stations. But it could get better—all it will take is a little volunteer help from queer radio supporters.

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In yo face: queers around town

by Helen Reed

Queer Awareness Week comes at the right time of year—the week approaching Valentine's Day.

Traditionally, this week reeks of heterosexuality. Everywhere we go, we are bombarded with images of handsome young men sweeping beautiful women off their feet with expensive gifts and bad poetry, usually containing words like "sweet" and "baby"—sometimes in the grotesque combination "sweet baby," thanks to the likes of Bryan Adams.

Even morning cartoons are saturated in romantic content—nothing is sacred.

Since queer love goes unrecognized by companies like Hallmark, queers are largely excluded from the Valentine's Day hype.

And although many would consider this a blessing, it's still important that queer love be recognized as equally valuable.

We are now smack in the middle of Queer Awareness Week, a time to acknowledge and celebrate the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirited people on this campus and everywhere.

The week kicked off with a grim representation of the violence that queer people face solely due to sexual orientation or gender identity.

To denounce violence against queers, queer people and their allies, covered in blood and wearing placards, laid on the ground in the SUB.

The die-in lasted one and a half hours and turned the usually peaceful SUB into a disturbing and effective scene of protest against violence.

Unfortunately, violence has always been inflicted upon queer culture, and not even Victoria is immune to queer bashing.

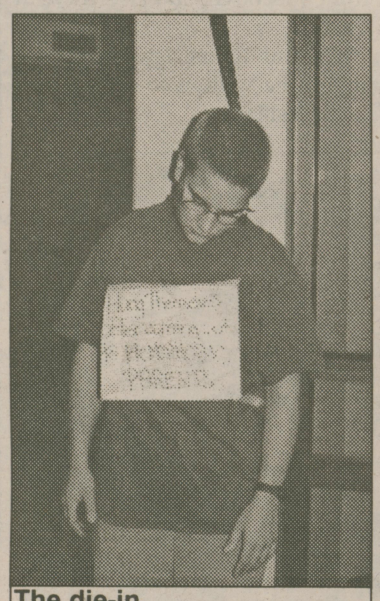
Fortunately, the atmosphere lightened up that evening with a free movie night featuring the films *All Over Me* and *Kiss Me Guido.*

Tuesday afternoon featured a lecture by three transsexual individuals, people who believe the biological body they were born into is not the correct gender for them.

Transgendered people are often misunderstood and overlooked when we consider queer issues. This is even reflected in the title of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance—the term transgendered is noticeably absent.

The lecture began with the assertion that gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation, three terms that are often lumped together, are all completely independent of one another.

Ingrid Olson, a male to female



The die-in.
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transsexual, explained that sexuality and gender issues are two completely different topics.

"It is possible to have an operation to go from male to female and to continue to be attracted to females," said Olson.

The lack of knowledge about transgendered people brings about many issues due to the stereotypes and myths surrounding the terms. Employment is difficult to find while in transition phases. Also, if a person does not "pass" for the desired sex after the full procedure, employment is a continuing issue.

Discrimination against transgendered people is largely due to ignorance on the topic.

Transgendered people are consistently sexualized and fetishized.

"Everybody always focuses in the body," said Joshua Goldburg, a female to male transsexual. "People aren't concerned about the considerable emotional changes."

Suprisingly, transgendered people face significant discrimination from the queer community, one that prides itself on being open-minded.

Ingrid Olson illustrated this by describing her experience of being rejected by the lesbian community, but still being able to party with her military buddies who she met before the procedure.

The lecture focused less on the surgical procedures involved in sex change operations and more on the emotional aspects.

The feature for Wednesday evening was a coffeehouse at Java featuring drag performers, poetry and storytelling.

As well as being an alternative to the traditional Valentine's Day happenings, the all-ages coffeehouse also served as a fundraiser, with a portion of the cover given to AIDS Vancouver Island.

The night started with a bang as the reigning Miss Gay Victoria, Irma La Douche, captivated the audience with a Cher number during the high energy drag performance before handing the stage over to two UVic students for the poetry section of the evening.

Gordon De Frane, a two-spirited storyteller, took the stage next.

"Two-spirited is an anglocized description of holy people," explained De Frane. "We are people who are blessed with two spirits. The spirits could be male and female, or even two of the same."

"A two-spirited person follows a sacred path and is predisposed to learning the medicines."

After De Frane's story, the Queens took the stage once again, ending the evening on an energetic and fun note.

If you missed Gordon De Frane at the coffeehouse, there's an opportunity to see him Thursday, Feb 11 at 7 p.m. He will be doing a two-spirited workshop and storytelling in the SUB, room BO25.

The fun-filled week ends on Friday with another free movie night featuring *Ma Vie en Rose* at 7 p.m. and *Foxfire* at 9 p.m. Both movies are in room BO28 in the

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Feminist film festival: lesbians can act too

by Lyndsay Sung

Lights...camera...lesbians.

Yes, kids, you heard it right. The first annual Lesbian and Feminist Film Festival is coming to wee Victoria on March 20-21, showcasing four very off-the-wall and culturally-varying full-length features.

For those film-goers who are sick of watching and re-watching *Bound*, the filmfest offers a nice change.

"The lesbian community has historically been very diverse," explains Jannit Rabinovitch, the festival director. "We were looking for feature films that had a primarily lesbian theme, but we also wanted to show cultural diversity. One film is from Mexico, another is from Korea. We have a film made by youth from the East Coast, and another from Texas."

I, The Worst of All, by Maria Luisa Bemberg, focuses on the life of Mexican poet Sister Juana Ines de la Cruz, who explores a relationship with a viceriene in a convent.

A Hot Roof is a Korean film directed by Lee Min-Yong. In this comedy-drama, 10 women realize their feminist identities after barricading themselves on the roof of their apartment building, resisting arrest for a crime they feel was an act of defense. In spending one hot and humid night together, they learn to accept their varying social differences and build alliances with each other.

Watermelon Women is a raw, comedic look into the life of a black lesbian video store clerk who is in the process of making her own documentary. The film deals with issues of race relations and "dyke attitudes."

Finally, *It's In The Water* is set in a small southern town in Texas where rumour has it that the local drinking water is contaminated with the "gay vibe." This film has been happily embraced at many gay film fests and is touted as a festival favourite.

"Most lesbian films are very white, so we wanted to make this festival as culturally diverse as possible."

Rabbinovitch is excited with the line-up. "Most lesbian films are very white, so we wanted to make this festival as culturally diverse as possible," she says. "We wanted to provide more lesbian culture for lesbians living in Victoria. There's a big community who really needs to see these films."

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Sex, queers and God

Living in Sin
John Shelby Spong
by Joel Casselman

In these days of condemnation of homosexuality from the religious right, a religious work which examines homosexuality from a positive viewpoint is more than welcome.

Readers who wish to find this viewpoint need to look no further than John Shelby Spong's *Living in Sin: A Bishop Rethinks Human Sexuality*.

A well-written re-examination of human sexuality from the point of view of an Episcopalian (Anglican) Bishop, *Living in Sin* bristles with information for queer and queer-positive readers.

Living in Sin *helps homosexuals who are from Christian backgrounds realize that their sexuality need not conflict with their faith.*

There are three chapters in the book which devote themselves exclusively to homosexuality.

In the first, Spong examines homosexuality, arguing that it is perfectly natural. Because of this, homosexuals should be welcomed into all sections of the church, including the clergy.

In the most effective chapter, Spong examines the references made to homosexuality in the scriptures.

In this chapter he examines these references in the social and historical context in which they are written. In so doing he concludes that homosexuality is not the Biblical sin which Christian fundamentalists claim that it is.

This chapter serves as a two-fold weapon. First, it helps homosexuals who are from Christian backgrounds realize that their sexuality need not conflict with their faith. Second, it provides readers with a tool to challenge right-wing fundamentalists, using the same weapon that these groups use to attack homosexuality.

The final gay-positive chapter deals with the ecclesiastical blessing on homosexual commitments. In this chapter, Spong calls for the blessing of gay and lesbian commitments in the same way that the church blesses heterosexual commitments.

Some readers will, no doubt, find some of Spong's beliefs disturbing.

Spong still holds conservative views on some aspects of human sexuality. For example, he is unapologetic in condemning sexual promiscuity. However, he goes on to argue that this stereotype of homosexuality is caused by homophobia and that if this discrimination were to end, so would this promiscuous behaviour.

Spong also takes great pains to point out that such behaviour is not unknown among heterosexuals. In this manner, he follows in the footsteps of writers such as Bruce Bauer and Andrew Sullivan.

Furthermore, the idea of a traditionally homophobic institution such as the church blessing gay commitments will no doubt disturb some gay individuals. Spong acknowledges this, but remains unapologetic.

He claims that such reform is needed for the sake of the church and for the gay individuals whom it affects.

Of course, everything which Spong advocates flies totally in the face of his more fundamentalist contemporaries, so it's a fair fight.

Living in Sin is also chock-full of material on divorce, post-marital sex for the widowed, why the scriptures should not be taken literally, and the role of women in the church (it should be obvious by now that Spong believes that all ranks of the clergy should be open to women of all sexual orientations).

The author is the Episcopalian Bishop of Newark, Pennsylvania, considered by many to be one of the most progressive dioceses in North America.

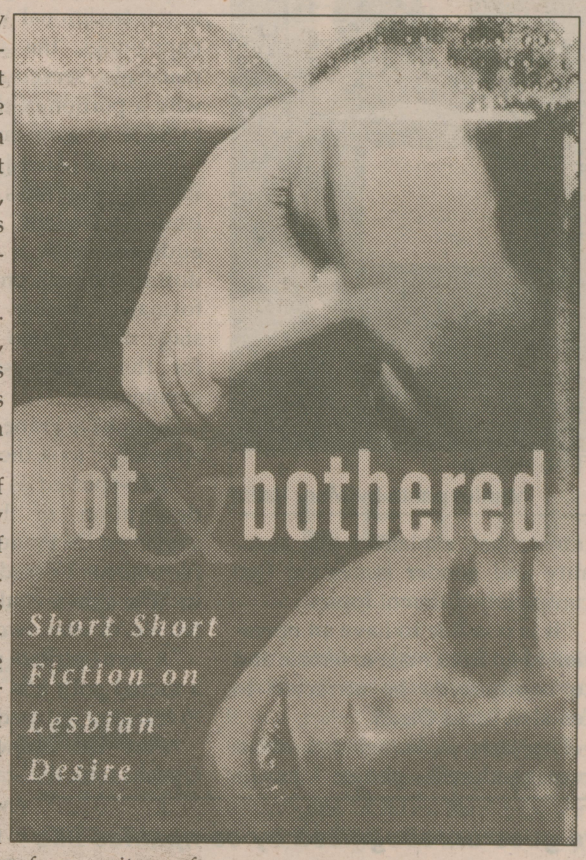
A well-written, thought-provoking work, *Living in Sin* provides material which is of interest to all readers, regardless of sexual orientation.

Hot and bothered

Hot & Bothered: Short Fiction on Lesbian Desire
Edited by Karen X. Tulchinsky
by Christina Harris

69 stories, 69 authors, 220 pages—at 1000 words or less, these 69 stories are trying to do something different with the standard format of erotic writing.

These stories are snap-shots, the erotic equivalent of the polaroid—they have their purpose, a short and immediate portrait of a scene. What they aren't, though, is effective erotica.



Karen X. Tulchinsky, editor of this anthology, has assembled a wide and varying selection of the many incarnations of lesbian lust. The stories span the spectrum of desire from tender love to public piercings and vampires.

Tulchinsky has managed to solicit stories from writers of many spheres in the lesbian community.

The diversity displayed through the variety of the pieces is refreshing in a genre that can be very mainstream lesbian—yes, that does exist.

The authors range widely in experience, age, gender identity and sexual orientation. Many are published here for the first time, and this fresh writing off-sets much of the more established dyke writing.

The community of lesbian erotica writers has become over-run by a few women who seem to have their fingers in anything dyke and sexy.

It is also heartening to see that this anthology has welcomed and encouraged many new and upcoming writers. Many of the new writers featured here are from Vancouver and elsewhere in Canada.

It seems to me lesbian erotica should be written to arouse and excite lesbians.

This anthology is interesting but unarousing and so it is essentially disappointing.

The stories are too short and many have sacrificed artistic build-up and context in order to fit within the highly restrictive word limit. Although many of the stories effectively work within the word-limit it is clear that some stories were edited harshly to fit.

This anthology won't get you turned-on, but it is an entertaining and informative look at the variety and diversity of lesbian sexuality.

It seems to me lesbian erotica should be written to arouse and excite lesbians.

Quickies

by Phyllis Kahn

The Homo Handbook: Connecting with Your Inner Homo
Judy Carter

In this delightful, humourous handbook/workbook Carter shares a wealth of knowledge and experience on how to best prepare oneself for homo heaven/hell.

Both the ascent and the descent are well documented.

The "Psycho" chapter is especially illuminating and entertaining.

Carter warns wisely and well against the perils of lending one's heart to a psycho.

Although her process of elimination sure leaves slim pickings, her astute advice combined with great humour makes a worthwhile read.

Write from the Heart: Lesbians Healing from Heartache
Anita L. Pace, editor

Lack of support for lesbians in the devastating effects of relationship loss in mainstream society inspired this anthology on grief.

This book of personal accounts is interspersed with questions about grief answered by qualified therapists.

The book, alas, is not a cure-all. The healing process requires time.

Winter Love
Idan Suyin

The stormy relationship between two medical students develops at a lively pace as the main character, Red, wrestles with inner conflict.

Suyin does a great job of sucking readers right into Red's psyche with her jaded response to love.

Social pressures are also brought to bear on the relationship. If you fancy a dose of grim reality and an Alfred Hitchcock-style ending, you'll get off on this one.

The Vancouver Public Interest Research Group

VIPIRG

Annual General Meeting & Election

Friday March 5th, 1999
1:30 - 4:30 pm
SUB Multipurpose

AGENDA

- Financial Report
- Committee & Project Reports
(Amaranth Store, Anti-Racism Committee, Ecocentric, Native Vegetation Committee, Stir Fry Radio, Resource Library, Bus Pass Donation Program)
- New Projects
- Coordinating Collective Report

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Voting for 1999-2000 Coordinating Collective will take place outside the SUB Multipurpose Room from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

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Men's

Top 10

as released on Feb. 9, 1999

1. McMaster (2) 15-1
2. **Victoria (3) 21-6**
3. Alberta (1) 22-6
4. Brandon (4) 18-3
5. Lethbridge (6) 17-7
6. Western (5) 19-5
7. Bishop's (8) 17-7
8. Laurentian (9) 17-8
9. Concordia (7) 17-5
10. Saint Mary's (10) 15-9

Canada West

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Victoria	**16**	**14**	**2**	**1251**	**974**	**28**
Alberta	16	12	4	1323	1181	24
Lethbridge	16	11	5	1378	1278	22
UBC	16	8	8	1180	1085	16
Calgary	16	2	14	969	1213	4
Saskatchewan	16	1	15	978	1348	2

Results:

Friday — **UVic (3) 66, Calgary 44**; UBC 90, Alberta (1) 78; Lethbridge (6) 98, Sask. 80

Saturday — **UVic (3) 79, Calgary 59**; Alberta (1) 86, UBC 82; Lethbridge (6) 89, Sask. 57

Atlantic

East Division

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Saint Mary's	14	9	5	1130	1010	18
UNB	14	7	7	1081	1058	14
Cape Breton	13	5	8	1040	1142	10
UPEI	13	4	9	1048	1104	8

West Division

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Dalhousie	12	8	4	934	911	16
St. Francis X	13	8	5	1062	999	16
Acadia	13	7	6	996	955	14
Memorial	12	4	8	912	1024	8

Results:

Friday — Dalhousie 72, Acadia 66

Saturday — St. Mary's (10) 68, UNB 62; UPEI 69, St. FX 63

Sunday — UNB 80, St. Mary's (10) 62

Quebec

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Bishop's	15	11	4	1069	962	22
Concordia	14	10	4	1092	995	20
McGill	14	4	10	922	1059	8
Laval	15	0	15	1010	1205	0

Results:

Friday — Laur. (9) 84, Con. (7) 65; Ryerson 86, Laval 61; York 81, McGill 69; Bishop's (8) 59, Queen's 57

Saturday — Concordia (7) 79, York 60; Queen's 82, Laval 63; Laurentian (9) 80, McGill 63

Ontario

East Division

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Laurentian	14	11	3	1080	922	22
Ryerson	13	8	5	1013	1005	16
Carleton	14	8	6	985	953	16
Ottawa	13	7	6	997	977	14
Toronto	14	7	7	945	988	14
Queen's	14	6	8	965	955	12
York	14	5	9	910	967	10

Results: *see Quebec Conference*

Friday — Ottawa 78, Toronto 76 (ot)

Sunday — Toronto 69, Carleton 62

West Division

	G	W	L	F	A	P
McMaster	8	7	1	640	554	14
Western	9	6	3	691	645	12
Guelph	9	6	3	651	614	12
Windsor	9	5	4	605	601	10
Lakehead	8	4	4	564	572	8
Waterloo	8	3	5	543	577	6
Brock	9	2	7	622	664	4
Laurier	8	1	7	506	595	2

Results:

Wednesday — Western (5) 81, Brock 72; Guelph 69, Windsor 67

Friday — Laurier 72, Lakehead 59

Saturday — Waterloo 87, Brock 82; Glph 75, Western (5) 67 (ot); McMaster (2) 79, Wind. 63; Lakehead 78, Laurier 62

Great Plains

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Brandon	9	8	1	844	665	16
Regina	9	6	3	772	729	12
Manitoba	9	3	6	676	771	6
Winnipeg	9	1	8	636	763	2

Results:

Friday — Winnipeg 83, Regina 59; Brandon (4) 79, Manitoba 60

Saturday — Regina 78, Winnipeg 67; Brandon (4) 91, Manitoba 63

Women's

Top 10

as released on Feb. 9, 1999

1. Alberta (1) 27-3
2. **Victoria (2) 21-2**
3. Regina (3) 18-4
4. Winnipeg (4) 23-10
4. Laurentian (6) 17-3
6. New Brunswick (7) 18-2
7. Manitoba (5) 16-11
8. Concordia (8) 14-9
9. British Columbia (9) 12-11
9. Queen's (10) 19-7

Canada West

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Victoria	**16**	**15**	**1**	**1115**	**846**	**30**
Alberta	16	14	2	1063	884	28
Calgary	16	8	8	993	1020	16
UBC	16	7	9	916	948	14
Saskatchewan	16	4	12	941	1070	8
Lethbridge	16	0	16	909	1169	0

Results:

Friday — **UVic (2) 76, Calgary 43**; Alberta (1) 55, UBC (10) 54; Sask. 70, Lethbridge 51

Saturday — **UVic (2) 79, Calgary 42**; Alberta (1) 71, UBC (10) 52; Sask. 67, Lethbridge 63

Atlantic

East Division

	G	W	L	F	A	P
UNB	14	13	1	1097	884	26
UPEI	13	10	3	1009	896	20
Saint Mary's	15	5	10	866	975	10
Cape Breton	15	2	13	913	1092	4

West Division

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Dalhousie	13	9	4	846	752	18
St. Francis X.	14	9	5	867	811	18
Memorial	14	6	8	801	840	12
Acadia	14	2	12	767	916	4

Results:

Friday — Dalhousie 81, Acadia 53

Saturday — UNB (7) 78, St. Mary's 62; UPEI 80, St. FX 71; Memorial 59, CB 53

Sunday — Memorial 61, CB 53; UNB (7) 83, St. Mary's 51

Quebec

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Concordia	14	11	3	924	773	22
Laval	15	10	5	1037	843	20
Bishop's	15	8	7	910	855	16
McGill	14	3	11	801	924	6

Results:

Friday — Queen's (10) 66, Bishop's 56; Laur. (6) 75, Con. (8) 74; Laval 63, Ryerson 54; McGill 59, York 43

Saturday — Bishop's 63, Ryerson 56; Concordia (8) 79, York 57; Queen's (10) 63, Laval 57; Laurentian (6) 82, McGill 63

Ontario

East Division

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Laurentian	14	12	2	984	850	24
Toronto	14	11	3	1017	836	22
Queen's	14	10	4	916	789	20
Ryerson	13	6	7	800	841	12
York	14	3	11	714	952	6
Carleton	14	2	12	634	936	4
Ottawa	13	1	12	689	827	2

Results: *see Quebec Conference*

Friday — Toronto 60, Ottawa 53

Sunday — Toronto 84, Carleton 44

West Division

	G	W	L	F	A	P
McMaster	8	7	1	592	426	14
Western	8	7	1	534	457	14
Guelph	8	7	1	457	384	14
Brock	10	5	5	614	639	10
Lakehead	8	3	5	474	450	6
Windsor	9	3	6	520	567	6
Waterloo	8	1	7	465	513	2
Laurier	9	1	8	366	586	2

Results:

Wednesday — Western 68, Brock 66; Guelph 55, Windsor 54

Friday — Lakehead 77, Laurier 33

Saturday — Brock 69, Waterloo 66; McMaster 68, Windsor 48; Lakehead 59, Laurier 31; Western 70, Guelph 51

Great Plains

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Regina	11	8	3	803	687	16
Manitoba	11	6	5	780	718	12
Winnipeg	11	6	5	698	654	12
Brandon	11	2	9	662	884	4

Results:

Friday — Regina (3) 79, Winn. (4) 77; Manitoba (5) 81, Brandon 61

Saturday — Regina (3) 62, Winn. (4) 60; Brandon 86, Manitoba (5) 78

Key: G=games played, W=wins, L=losses, F=points for, A=points against, P=total points, (x)=previous weeks ranking, t=tied for

Vikes handle the Dinos

by Walker MacLeod

The University of Victoria men's basketball team got a big boost this weekend from a pair of new players to the program.

Transfer student Neal Cranna and rookie guard Robbie Green led UVic in two impressive victories over the Calgary Dinos this past weekend on their home court. For Cranna, it was his first standout performance as a Vike, while Green has continued to impress the team's followers since UVic's first game in October.

On Friday, Green, a CIAU rookie-of-the-year candidate, burned the Dinos with seven three-pointers. The Sault St. Marie native finished up with 22 points in the 66-44 win, while Eric Hinrichsen collected 15 points to match his 15 boards.

Saturday's affair saw Cranna, who recently transferred to UVic from the University College of the Fraser Valley, put in a solid performance as the Vikes glided past the Dinos 79-59.

The Brookswood grad, who was given an opportunity to see a lot of minutes while Colin Martin was out with the flu, came off the bench to score 18 points and pull down five boards. His play, along with a 25 point, 11 rebound performance from Hinrichsen, gave UVic a one-two punch in the post that Calgary couldn't contain.

Head coach Guy Vetrie was ecstatic with Cranna's play.

"In practice we talked a lot about how, with Colin out, someone had to step up and play, and Neal did that. He played great for us all weekend," said Vetrie.

But the modest forward was more concerned with the team than with his own performance.

"Colin's a big part of our team, and I was just looking to fill in for him," Cranna commented. "Now we've got to get focused on Lethbridge."

The Vikes have a two-game conference lead on the Alberta Golden Bears going into their final four Canada West league games. But the Canada West Conference is still up for grabs.

The Vikes will meet Lethbridge this weekend on the road, before facing the U of A at McKinnon to finish off the regular season. UVic has lost three straight in Lethbridge, including a sweep at the hands of the Pronghorns to end their league schedule last season.

Should Lethbridge take both games this year and sweep UBC the following weekend, the Vikes could still end the season as low as third place in the conference, behind both Albertan schools.

The Alberta set will be the biggest weekend of the year for the Vikes, who split with the Bears earlier this season and may need a sweep to win the conference.

Fortunately, UVic has not lost at home since a 84-81 upset to the Calgary Dinos on Friday, Feb. 14, 1997. Since then, they have rolled to 19 straight home wins in league play.

Alberta faces Calgary this weekend and, much like the Vikes did this past weekend, should roll over the overmatched Dinos.

Point guard Ralph Carter brings the ball up the court against Calgary in Saturday's 79-59 win over the Dinos.

Martlet photo by Rachel Kiers

Women keep on rollin'

by Walker MacLeod

The UVic women's basketball team scored a pair of easy victories over the Calgary Dinos this past weekend, but the outcome was probably predetermined earlier in the week.

Leighann Doan, a Calgary star who is possibly the top player in the country, went down with a knee injury in practice and was unavailable for the trip west to face the Vikes.

Without Doan, the Dinos didn't stand a chance against the defending national champions, and it showed.

The Vikes stayed on top of the Canada West Conference with two home wins over Calgary this past weekend. UVic holds a slim one-game lead over Alberta with four games remaining in season play.

On Friday, UVic used another outstanding team effort to power past Calgary 76-43.

Janet McLachlan was one of five Vikes to hit double figures with 14 points in the victory.

UVic was also impressive at the charity stripe—the team converted 19 of 22 free throw opportunities.

The following evening, rookie Lindsay Anderson continued her meteoric rise as one of the nation's top young talents. The freshman guard paced the Vikes with 19 points and five steals in a 79-42 romp.

UVic shot a blistering 57 per cent from the floor while holding Calgary to a poor 39 per cent for the game.

Megan Dalziel had 12 points for the home side while Emily King added 10 as well.

"I think that when [former Vike and All-Canadian] Lisa Koop graduated a lot of people thought we weren't going to be able to score," said head coach Kathy Shields. "Our girls took that as a challenge, and we responded very well."

This weekend the Vikes meet the winless Lethbridge Pronghorns on the road.

The trip is followed by a pair of home games against Alberta, the nation's top-ranked team. The Feb. 19-20 series against the Pandas should decide the conference winner.

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Rowers flood McKinnon floor for National Erg Championships

by Craig Battle

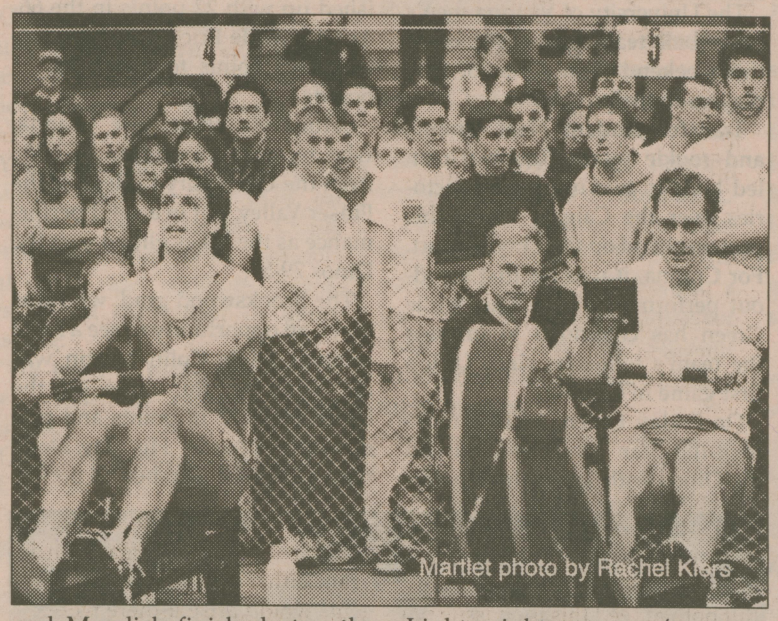
So many participants and so little time.

A kind of frantic pandemonium, that could only be the result of the Monster Erg rowing championships, made its way to UVic this past weekend.

The event's eastern sister event was held simultaneously in Toronto last weekend, creating a national championship atmosphere at McKinnon.

The Monster Erg, the 14th annual indoor simulated rowing championship held at McKinnon Gym, was designed to test the skills of some of the nation's top junior, senior and masters rowers. This year, the floor of the gym was dominated by 58 Concept II rowing machines for use by the nearly 550 participants.

The Vikes and UVic Alumni had strong showings at the event and on a national scale. Both UVic's men and women claimed the national four-person title, and Mike Grace and John Mandick each took home Monster Erg wins in their respective individual events. Grace won the Senior B men's,



Martlet photo by Rachel Kiers

and Mandick finished atop the Junior A Lightweight men catagory.

Former Vikes Derek Porter and Kristen Wall, who are both national team members training in Victoria, took home titles as well. Wall placed first in the Senior A women's event at McKinnon and second nationally, while Porter won his event while setting a new national record.

Also winning her individual catagory, the Junior A Lightweight women's, was Maple Bay rowing crew member Lauren Beck. Beck, a grade 12 student this year, will row with the Vikes next year, according to Vikes coach Rick Crawley.

Indoor rowing, like conventional rowing, requires upper and lower body strength and the stamina to sustain top output for a full 2000-metre race.

Leading up to the event, athletes must perform a rigorous training schedule in order to compete with the high level of competition and just to make it through the race.

"It's the most gut-wrenching pain you'll ever feel," said Malaspina University/College rowing crew member Shira Windecker. "It's all in your head how well you do."

The Toronto and Victoria events have been declared official national and provincial team tests, ensuring the participation of many of the country's highest calibre athletes.

"There are people who are rowing for teams and others who are just trying to get into the world record books and break personal bests," said Crawley. "You get races within races."

A network of two computer stations and several television monitors were used to visually show the athletes and spectators how the race was shaping up.

Monster Erg Results

Senior A Men

1. Derek Porter	5:46.4
9. Barney Williams	6:06.7
10. Joe Stankevicius	6:06.9

Senior A Lightwight Men

4. Chris Davidson	6:19.9

Senior B Men

1. Mike Grace	6:14.9
3. Paul Hawksworth	6:20.9
4. Kevin Light	6:21.6

Junior A Lightweight Men

1. Jon Mandick	6:40.0

Novice Men

4. Chris Dahl	6:39.1
5. Rob Dyke	6:39.5

Senior A Women

5. Erika Pataki	7:00.9
6. Buffy Alexander	7:03.4*

Senior A Lightweight

8. Noreen O'Leary	7:34.8

Senior B Women

2. Rachelle DeJong	7:03.6**
4. Alia Zawacki	7:12.6
5. Jamie Garrett	7:18.8

Senior B Lightweight

3. Jillian Renouf	8:07.3
5. Stephanie Wells	8:22.9

Novice Women

2. Polly Allen	7:28.8
3. Sherry Hunt	7:31.0
5. Nicole Densmore	7:38.0

Key: *=placed second nationally
**=placed third nationally

Vancouver 86ers draft Vickers

UVic striker is taken in A-League draft by B.C. club

by Jeff Rea

Simon Vickers is headed to the big city.

The UVic soccer star and his talented feet have won some big games, and now it appears they have persuaded some big names too.

Vickers, a senior striker for the men's soccer team, was drafted by the Vancouver 86ers Sunday in the A-League College Draft in Florida. The 86ers used their Territorial Protection Pick to grab the All-Canadian before the first round of the draft had taken place.

Vickers was protected by the club by their general manager and ex-national team coach Bobby Lenarduzzi.

"Bobby called me and I told him that without a doubt it was worth a shot to give [Vickers] a look," said UVic head coach Bruce Wilson.

Vickers played under Wilson for five seasons and was instrumental in helping the Vikes win the national championship in 1996. He scored 19 goals that season, including a record seven goals in one game and all three goals in a shutout win over UBC in the Canada West conference final.

The 5'11, 175-pound Victoria native was named the Canada West Umbro MVP this season as well as an All-Canadian. He scored nine goals in 10 league games for the Vikes this year.

The 86ers hand may have been forced in Florida, as the Montreal Impact had also contacted Vickers' agent, Ross Gurney. Vancouver responded by making Vickers their protected pick, before going on to draft two SFU players.

The Montreal Impact had also contacted Vickers' agent, Ross Gurney.

"Vickers is a physical player and a proven goal scorer at the university level," said 86ers head coach Carl Valentine. "Hopefully he can make the step up to the A-League."

Vickers will try out for the team this summer and hopes to bring his game up to a professional tempo.

"It would be nice to see if I could pick my game up to that level," said Vickers in a phone interview on Tuesday.

Wilson is confident about Vickers' chances of making the team.

"I think he can make it," he said. "Basically, most of the players are ex-UBC or ex-SFU players."

UVic's program is beginning to gain international recognition, with players like Vickers and Dan Imhof making the jump to professional ball.

Imhof, who was recruited out of Smithers at a 'AA' high school tournament by Wilson, is playing Div 2 in Switzerland this season after playing at UVic for two years.

For Wilson, his past players' achievements are a source of pride.

"I think it's starting to say something about the program," said Wilson. "It's not a bad school if you want to play pro soccer."

As for Vickers, he's keeping the recent news in perspective.

"I'm trying to keep it low key," he said. "I'm concerned with finishing up this season at UVic well and playing well at Spring Cup. I'll worry about it after that."

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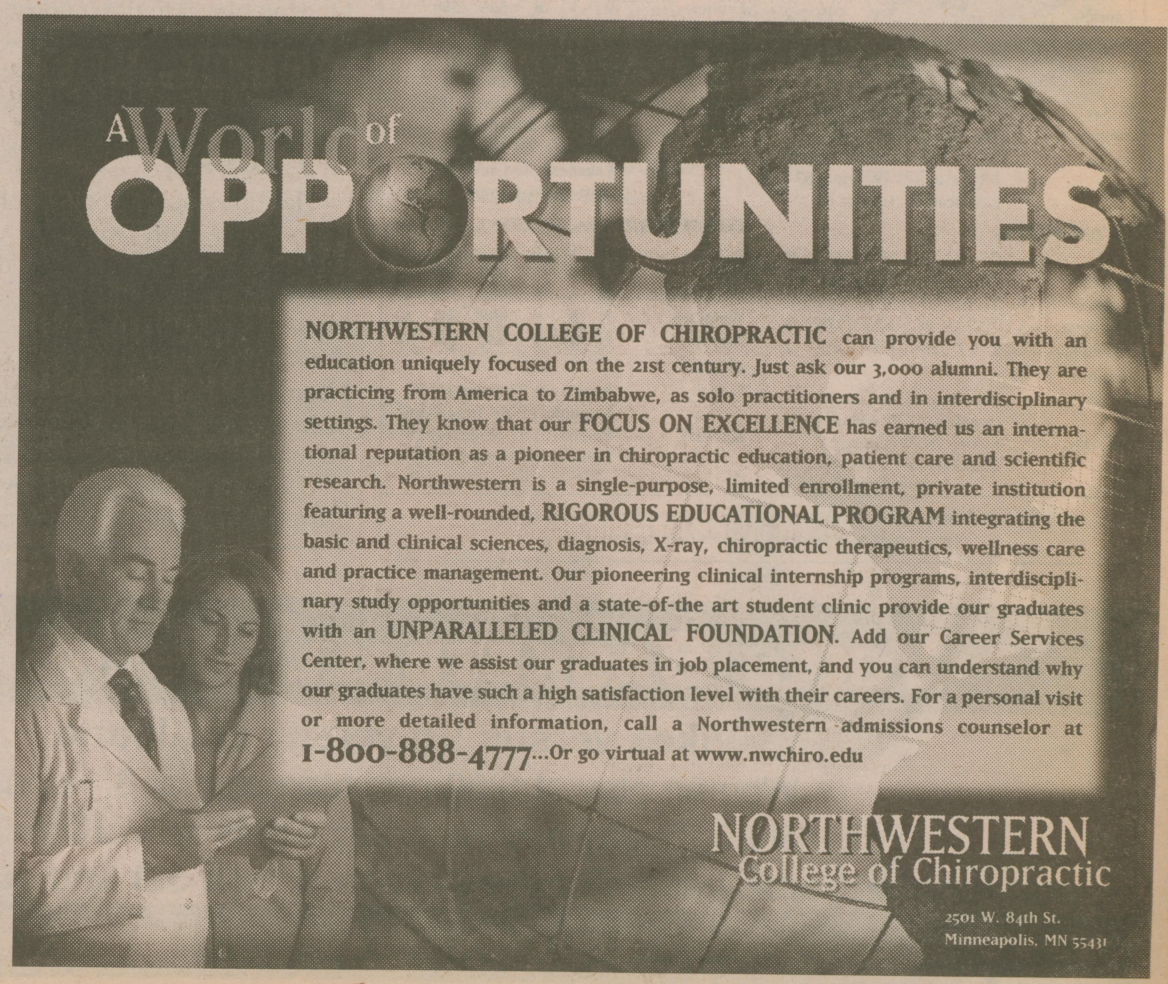

Sports Call

I stood in silence the first time I really looked at them. I was alone in the gym, standing at centre court, with my eyes fixed on that wall. I was awestruck.

I knew what each one meant to everyone who was a part of it—managers, fans, coaches and, of course, players. I tried to sense what it might feel like to win one, to stand before a crowd on its feet in ovation while it was raised to its place with the others.

I stared and imagined the pride in knowing that, by it being there, you were immortal; you became part of the storied past of the University of Victoria.

Staring towards the heavens in McKinnon Gym can truly be a religious experience. Thirty-five national championships hang before you, each a symbol of excellence for one team at one point in time. Each one is perfect.

How can I tell you what makes UVic's athletics so special when I don't even know where the story begins?

Perhaps it begins with men's soccer. It was 1975 when the team captured the school's first banner, and since then the Vikes have collected two more, in 1987 and '96. The last time a Canadian national team qualified for the Olympics was 1984, and seven of the men on the roster were once Vikes—including Ian Bridge and Bruce Wilson, currently the head coaches for our women's and men's teams.

Or perhaps the story begins with women's field hockey. No team in the school's history has bettered its claim to eight banners. After taking over the program in 1984, Lynne Beecroft has led UVic sides to Canadian superiority, taking the championships in five of the last eight years. Since Beecroft, Nancy Charlton and Diane Mahy represented the Vikes in the '84 Games, six more Vikes have been selected to follow them.

Or perhaps the story truly begins with cross country. The men won five straight national titles, and the women have captured six of their own since 1980. UVic athletes have been represented in track and field at every Olympic Games since '80, and at the '88 Olympics the national side was coached by UVic's Ron Bowker.

Basketball has its own chapter in UVic's history. Last season Kathy Shields led the women's team to their seventh national title in two decades, a string she started with an impressive threepeat to open the '80s. Four of her players have worn Canadian jerseys at the Olympics, including Kelly Boucher, the first Canadian ever to play in the WNBA.

Former men's coach Ken Shield's amazing string of seven straight national championships, from 1980-86, may never be broken. Five Vikes from that era have become Olympians, including Eli Pasquale, the legendary point guard who was a large part of five crowns and was later drafted out of UVic by the Seattle Supersonics. In 1997, Guy Vetrie took the team to an eighth title behind the leadership and talent of CIAU Player-of the-Year Eric Hinrichsen.

Perhaps it begins with men's rugby. The Vikes have arguably been the best side in North America for the past 10 years. They have captured the coveted Wightman Boot in 11 of the past 14 seasons and look poised to take it again this season after beating UBC by 17 in November. Each year a number of the Vikes make the leap to the CCSD side, the national under-23 team, before going on to play internationally for Canada as a senior.

Or maybe the argument ends with rowing. In 1976 Ina DeLure became the first UVic Olympian, and, since then, 40 other rowers and coaches have followed in her footsteps. In total, 35 athletes have collected 22 medals for Canada since the 1980 Games, 12 of which were gold. Sixteen returned, including Silken Laumann, a four-time medalist and one of the most recognizable names in the sport.

Or perhaps the story begins with Alison Sydor. The three-time Mountain Biking World Champion and Olympic silver medalist has played a large part in revolutionizing the sport for women. Sydor, who started riding with the UVic Cycling Club while studying biochemistry, will undoubtedly go down as a true cycling legend and Canadian hero.

But the story is nowhere near over. This year's teams are as talented as any of their predecessors.

The women's soccer side reached the national final for the first time in the school's history, and the men's side spent a large part of the season ranked atop the country.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams are capable of bringing home another banner, a feat the women's cross country team accomplished this past November.

And after reaching the national final this year, the women's field hockey team will be stronger next year, as will the men's cross country side which returns two of the top runners in Canada to their roster over the summer.

Although each program has its own tale, it's the collective story that needs to be emphasized.

The wall in McKinnon deals with things quite appropriately. Each banner is as perfect as the last.

-Jeff Rea

Sports call is an opinion column for Canadian university sports related issues. Deadlines for submission are Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and pieces should be between between 400-800 words. Drop submissions off at the Martlet *office in SUB B011.*

What's queer about UVic Athletics?

by Sandra Dyer

It's a touchy issue in McKinnon Gym. Quotes are short, phrases are mumbled, and no one wants to talk.

At the University of Victoria, coaches were not particularly interested in discussing the subject of queers in sports.

Team members apparently do not discuss such issues either and are more comfortable not doing so.

Women's soccer coach Ian Bridge and Bruce Wilson, the men's head coach, said that they were unaware of any openly gay or lesbian players on their teams. But both agreed this is an issue not often discussed.

"I don't know that I care," said Wilson.

As an assistant with the national program, Bridge isn't unfamiliar with having lesbians on his team. In that case no problems have arisen.

"As long as they're scoring goals, they're fine with me," he said.

Men's basketball coach Guy Vetrie says there are no queers that he knows of on his team. Even if there were, he doubts that there would be a problem with that.

"Things like that are just not discussed," he said.

Men's rugby coach Doug Tate doesn't know of any gays on his team either but doubts that problems would arise if there were.

Players do not discuss this and "have probably made that decision themselves," he said.

An intramural soccer player who is gay but preferred not to give her name says she has not had significant problems on her team. Although she isn't comfortable enough to come out, she doesn't think it would be more difficult to be open in sports than in day to day life.

Although she doesn't notice a lot of negative attitudes towards queers at the intramural level, she notes that there is a difference between informal intramural games and varsity sports.

"The locker room situation and traveling together might prevent people from coming out," she said.

Perhaps that's why it appears no one has.

Vikes lose Weiss to injury

by Craig Battle

Delays and dislocations were the theme of the weekend for the UVic swim team. But, still, the results were up to par.

Travel problems caused by unpredictable weather set the weekend's tone for the team. They arrived in Vancouver on Saturday morning but would have preferred making the trip the previous evening as planned.

Then, on Sunday, the Vikes received the weekend's most upsetting news—Phil Weiss, consistently one of the team's top placers, dislocated his left shoulder for the third time in his career while touching the wall on his last stroke of the 200-metre individual medley, an event that he still won.

Weiss has already begun physiotherapy and plans to be back in the water by the end of the week. He hopes to recover for the CIAU national championship meet in Guelph on February 19-21.

Prior to his injury, Weiss placed first in the 400-metre individual medley and finished with a personal best in the 1,500-metre freestyle.

Also having a strong weekend and finishing with a personal best in the 1,500 was second-year swimmer Rick Say. Amazingly, Say cut 25 seconds off his personal best in the event, a mark he had set at the beginning of this season.

Unlike fellow swimmers Christin Petelski and Weiss, Say has little experience in competitive swimming. He had only competed in summer swim leagues before joining the Vikes last year.

"Every meet is fairly serious because I haven't been swimming as long as most people out there," said Say. "Every time I swim I learn something from the race."

In contrast, Petelski has competed in several international events, including the 1996 Olympic games in Atlanta and last year's Commonwealth Games in Malaysia.

"It's hard at a meet like this, we're all at different levels," said Petelski. "There are some people who train right through the meet, and there are others that rest a little bit and are able to perform better."

While some UVic swimmers needed quick times at the meet to qualify for the CIAUs, much of the team didn't taper their training schedule to peak for this weekend's event.

"[Remaining consistent has] been our main focus the last few months," said Petelski. "Training gets in the way of having your best performance."

The Vikes travel to Washington this weekend for the Seattle Grand Prix, their last event before competing in the national championships.

Swimming

Men's Top 10

as released Feb. 8, 1999

1. British Columbia (1)
2. Calgary (2)
3. Toronto (3)
4. **Victoria (4)**
5. McMaster (5)
6. McGill (7)
7. Guelph (8)
8. Laurentian (6)
9. New Brunswick (9)
10. Laurier (NR)

Women's Top 10

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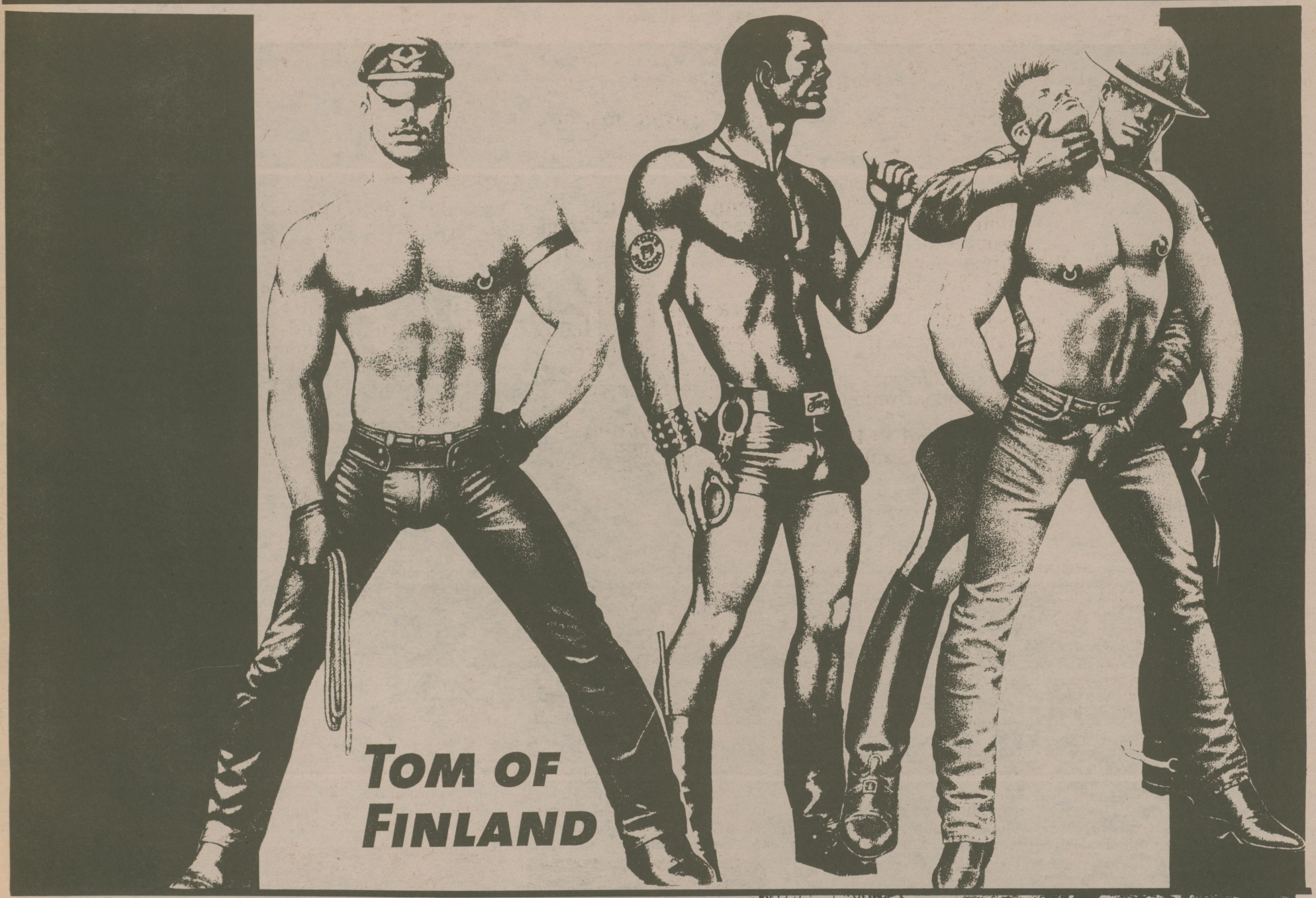

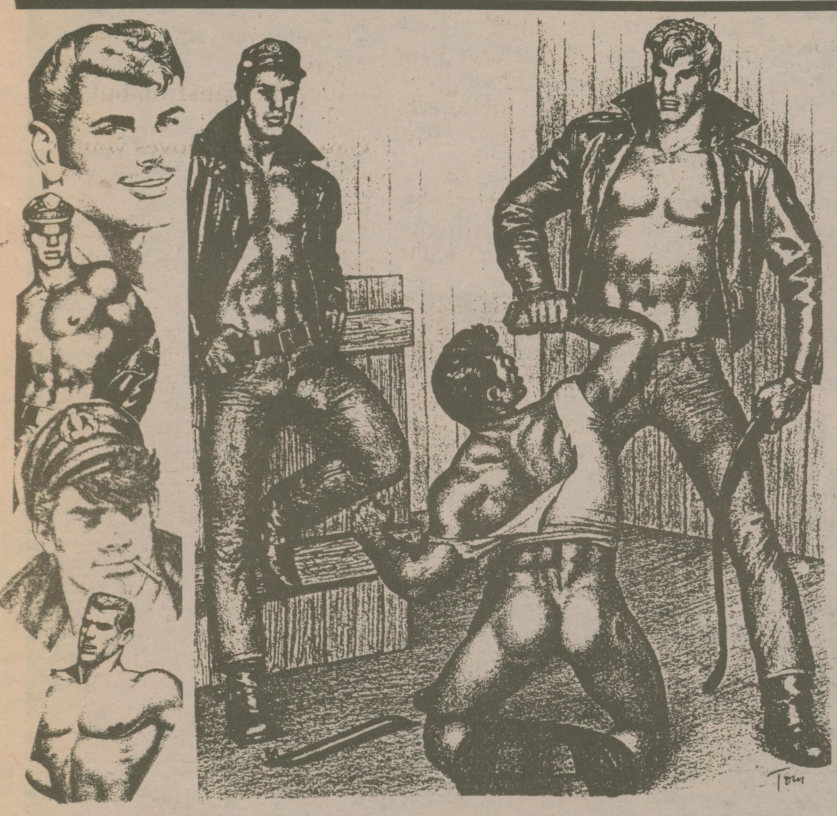

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Wednesday, March 3
9:00 am - 9:00 pm
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9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Clearihue, University Center, Cornett, MacLaurin, Elliot Lecture Wing, Engineering Lab Wing, Fine Arts

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
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Thursday, March 4
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Student Union Building, Clearihue, University Center, MacPherson Library, Cornett, MacLuarin, Engineering Lab Wing, 1996 Classroom Building, Human and Social Development

There are two referenda questions in this election. They are as follows:

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REFERENDUM PLATFORMS

Nominations were only received for the Yes sides of each referendum

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In January, 1800 students signed a petition supporting a vote on the important question of whether to reduce and re-allocate UVSS fees. Because the Society is ahead of schedule on paying for the new Student Union Building, there is an opportunity to re-direct some funds towards improving student services. A reduction in building fees would still provide enough funds to cover SUB repairs and renovations and keep payments on schedule.

CFUV Radio and the Martlet

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Clubs and Course Unions

The number of campus clubs has increased from 20 in 1985 to over 60 today and there are 26 active course unions. Both clubs and course unions have been limited in their activities due to an increasing number of groups having to share a limited amount of resources. The additional $0.50 a semester will provide clubs and course unions with more seed money to hold events, fundraisers and fund student publications.

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Since 1981, the fees we pay to the CFS have remained the same but inflation and the organisation's work have increased substantially. Government funding cutbacks and regressive changes to education policies have resulted in the CFS needing to do more research, lobbying and campaigns. The CFS has also greatly expanded and improved services to students during the last 18 years–check out Travel CUTS and your free International Student Identity Card. A $2.25 increase means UVic students will be paying the same fee as all other CFS members in BC.

Ombudsperson

The Ombudsperson is an independent advocate on campus that helps students navigate the complex processes within UVic when they have problems with a department or faculty, the Registrar or with an assigned grade, etc. Currently, the part- time Ombudsperson is funded through the UVSS operating budget. A new $1.50 fee will provide secure funding and allow the UVSS to seek matching funds to make the Ombudsperson full-time in order to better serve students.

VOTE YES to an Innovative and Affordable Universal Bus Pass!

UVic and Camosun students could be the first in British Columbia to have a Universal Bus Pass program (U-PASS). Such programs exist at 60 other universities in North America including Western, Queen's and Trent Universities in Canada.

What are the benefits of U-Pass? Will car drivers benefit?

The U-PASS gives UVic and Camosun students unlimited access to every Greater Victoria BC Transit route anytime, anywhere during a semester for the low cost of $44 – that's only $11.00 per month. The U-PASS will:

- greatly **reduce costs** for student Transit users (current cost: $36 per month, U-PASS: $11 per month);
- **promote road safety** and reduce drinking and driving;
- **improve** the frustrating **parking shortage** for those who continue to use cars;
- provide **convenience** to occasional Transit users for downtown trips on weekends. No more hassle with transfers or correct change;
- **improve air quality** by reducing exhaust emissions (which contribute up to 80% of climate changing greenhouse gas emissions);
- **protect UVic greenspace** and provide additional capital funding to the University for building and equipment from funding designated for tree removal and paving; and
- **reduce car traffic** through neighborhoods en route to the campus.

Does everyone pay?

The semesterly fee would be mandatory, similar to Athletics and Recreation fees. Co-op students would be exempt unless they pay in person. Experience shows that U-Pass programs increase student Transit ridership by 15-50%.

Will service improve?

Yes. Major routes at peak hours will increase in frequency. The last evening bus will depart at 12:48 am instead of 12:15 am. A free express bus to BC Ferry terminals will depart UVic at 3pm on Fridays, return pick-up at 7pm on Sunday. Double decker buses will be introduced in January 2000.

Will the price of the U-PASS increase?

No. A minimum two year price guarantee. Any increase would require a new referendum. If UVic and Camosun staff join in, the cost could be reduced.

Go Green! Vote YES March 2-4.

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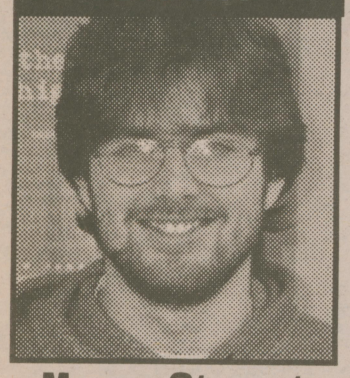
ELECTION PLATFORMS

CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CHAIR



Morgan Stewart

Students at UVic need a strong and active Students' Society to represent them and work for an education system that is accessible to all. By working together, students have been successful in pressuring the provincial government to freeze tuition fees and have raised public awareness about student debt and the funding crisis in our universities.

As Chair, I will continue our campaign for increased funding, better student loans and grants, and lower tuition fees. This important work can only be accomplished with the active participation of students. The UVSS must continue to improve communication so that all students can get involved in the various projects and activities of the UVSS through committees, clubs, course unions and constituency groups.

Students also expect good services from their Students' Society. The UVSS Board must continue to solicit feedback from students on how services in the SUB can be expanded and improved upon to better serve students' needs.

As UVSS Director of Finance for 1998/99 some of the projects I have worked on include:

- Setting up the UVSS web server <www.uvss.uvic.ca>
- Improving services in the SUB
- A $90,000 reduction to the accumulated deficit
- Weeks of Welcome concerts
- Organising campaigns on funding, tuition fees and student debt

Some of my other experience includes:

- UVic Representative, CFS BC Executive Committee, 1998/99
- UVSS Director at Large, 1997/98
- Member, UVSS Finance and Campaigns Committee, 1997/98
- Student Senator, UVic, 1997/98
- President, Victoria High Students Council, 1995/96

In the next year, students across Canada will be working together on the Access 2000 Campaign for Higher Education. As Chair, I am committed to ensuring that you are involved in this campaign as we work to improve our education and make our university accessible to all.

DIRECTOR OF ACADEMICS

Sean McCaffrey

Each year the UVSS elections roll around and each year a nominal percentage of the electorate casts their vote for some person whose picture they've seen plastered all over campus. The phrase, "What's the diff?" has virtually become a mantra for the student voter. Part of this problem stems from a widespread lack of understanding as to what the Students' Society is all about and another part results from the mistaken belief that all candidates are the same. So why vote for me?

My years on campus have made me appreciate the importance of the people who are in decision-making positions in the society. These are the people who decided we needed a mall for a SUB and a campus bar modeled after an airport lounge. These are the people who decide how to spend your student fees and greatly influence your student experience. What I bring to the position of Director of Academics is just that, "experience". I have seen, in the past, the way that partisan politics of BoD members has less than furthered the interests of the Society. I present myself to you as an independent candidate with an understanding of the way this campus works, with experience in organizing academic conferences, and with a desire to raise awareness of student issues.

Kari Worton

The role of the UVSS Director of Academics is to advocate for students' rights and academic standards at the University of Victoria. I am a third year Environmental Studies/Sociology Major who is politically aware and committed to working on behalf of all students at UVic.

I am committed to acting as a liaison between student Senators, student representatives on the Board of Governors, course unions, constituency groups and the UVSS Board of Directors to make sure that we are taking action on all issues affecting students at UVic.

Advocating for increased government funding for education must be a top priority if we are to address issues such as waitlists and overcrowded classrooms. Students must continue to build public support for education in order to prevent the privatisation of education at UVic. At the same time, we must continue our campaigns for lower tuition fees and improved student aid and grants.

I have gained the necessary experience to be Director of Academics through my involvement in the UVSS since my arrival at UVic. This includes:

- LGBA Representative, UVSS, 1998/99
- Student Senator, UVic, 1998/99
- Member, various UVSS committees, including Campaigns, Finance, Special Events, Environmental Responsibility and Clubs Council
- Member, LGBA, Involved in various projects including Queer Awareness Week 1999 and Queeries

Some of the issues I will work on are:

- A more user friendly UVSS handbook with less advertising
- Ensuring that course unions have the necessary resources to carry out their work
- Opposing fee increases while advocating for increased funding for education

I am dedicated to advancing our common interests as students for a high quality, accessible education system. I am enthusiastic, committed and have the necessary experience to do the work.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Summer McFadyen

As a 4th year Economics Major, I understand the importance of good financial management. As Director of Finance I will ensure that UVSS fees are being used responsibly and in the best interest of students.

Students can play an important role in advocating for high quality, fully accessible colleges and universities. I will work with other Board members and students at UVic to continue our campaign for increased government funding, lower tuition fees, and improvements to student financial assistance.

An important project for UVic students is the on-going development of our Student Union Building. The UVSS must lobby the University for a better agreement over student ownership of the SUB.

I have been involved in various activities at UVic, including:

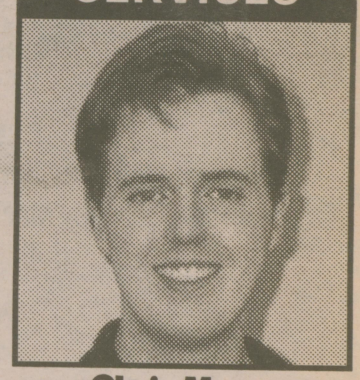
- Member, UVSS Finance Committee and SUB Services Committee
- Member, Organising Committee, CFS Day of Action
- Social Sciences Teaching Awards Committee
- Economics Curriculum Development Committee
- Undergraduate Rep, Economics Department

As Director of Finance, I will be committed to:

- Conducting an open and inclusive budgeting process.
- Addressing the Society's debt in a manner that does not compromise our priorities.
- Ensuring that SUB services are affordable.
- Supporting and facilitating environmental initiatives in the SUB.
- Campaigning against student debt and tuition fee increases while advocating for increased funding for education.
- Playing a leadership role in developing stronger communication between the UVSS Board and students.
- Working with student groups to create and support campaigns that increase awareness about discrimination with the goal of creating a learning environment in which all members of society can fully participate.

My skills, enthusiasm, and commitment, prepare me well to work for positive change on behalf of all students. Please contact me with any questions you may have at summerm@uvic.ca

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES



Chris Moon

As your Director of Services this year, I have had the privilege of working with a dedicated team of students involved in important and exciting projects. This has fostered a sense of community at UVic and has resulted in truly progressive initiatives.

As Director of Services 98/99 I have been involved in

- Establishing increased services and funding for clubs
- Developing new and more relevant clubs policies
- Organising the Weeks of Welcome concert (De La Soul, Fishbone and Kinnie Starr) and the Corn Music Fest (The Corn Sisters, Lift, and Run Chico Run)
- Forming the Environmental Responsibility Committee
- Developing and conducting a campus feasibility study for the Universal Bus Pass Plan (U-PASS)
- Developing common-sense policy changes for UVSS elections
- Bringing this year's WUSC students to UVic from Nigeria

As Director of Services 99/2000, I will:

- Continue to champion the initiatives of the new Environmental Responsibility Committee.
- Increase the opportunities for clubs activities within the society.
- Bring more and improved services into the SUB.
- Promote events that reflect the campuses' diversity.
- Investigate a new and exciting approach to Weeks of Welcome Events.
- Work with students to challenge the federal government to restore funding and address the student debt crisis in Canada

My experience over the past year has strengthened my resolve to fight for students' rights and to see that students get the best services possible from their students' union.

Sincerely,

Chris Moon, Director of Services

"The Profit system follows the path of least resistance and following the path of least resistance is what makes the river crooked". (Utah Philips)

ELECTION PLATFORMS

Elections '99

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE

The **UVSS Board of Directors** is a body of students elected by students, to allocate the Students' Society budget, implement campaigns, advocate on behalf of students, maintain the Students' Society's services, and develop the membership.

Eleven members are elected as **Directors at Large**, who volunteer their time to assist the Executive Directors in carrying out their duties and also scrutinizing Executive Director activities. They assist in coordinating and implementing all levels of campaigns concerning education defense and must participate on at least two committees of the Students' Society. These eleven directors will be joined in May by representatives elected from each of the five constituency organisations of the UVSS.

The **Executive Directors** of the UVSS, (the Chair and Directors of Academics, Finance, and Services), are salaried officers of the UVSS. Their responsibilities include chairing board committees and performing the many administrative duties of the society. They also oversee campaigns, publications, and other efforts of the board and its committees.

The Directors help to shape policy, run campaigns, prepare the budget, make administrative decisions, and generally deal with the daily business of the Society.

Alice Byers

I am a second year student with experience in student activism. The UVSS is the University of Victoria students' union, it serves students by advocating for students' rights and providing services. The UVSS has a long history of fighting tuition increases, funding cutbacks and bringing attention to the student debt crisis at UVic and across Canada. We all need interested students on the Board of Directors to make sure that this important work is continued. As a Director at Large, I am committed to do the following:

- Provide students with access to information and opportunities to participate in programs and services in the SUB and on campus.
- Make the maintainence and development of environmental policies a priority.
- Encourage acceptance and appreciation of diversity in the campus community.
- Speak out on behalf of the student body on issues that concern them, like tuition fees and debt.
- Continue the campaign against cutbacks in post-secondary funding.

I hope all students will take an interest in their students' society and consider the issues important to them and get involved in the coming election by voting on March 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Jeremy W. Denegar

For the past year, I have been a volunteer for UVic's New Student Orientation Program and Peer Helping, where I have helped to make coming to UVic as fun and exciting as possible. Now I want to bring my enthusiasm to the UVSS Board.

What will I do if elected? Review my central beliefs for the answer:

- I believe in democracy: every person has the right and responsibility to make themselves heard. Communication is the fundamental duty of any organization responsible to the community, be it the UVSS, the University Senate, the provincial government, or even a corporation.
- I believe in accountability: each decision must stem from the desires of the population, not the representative.
- I believe in efficiency: no more money or time should be spent than necessary.
- I believe in equality: when there is suppression of expression, support must be given to counter such discrimination, because every person has the right to express their own uniqueness.

These are the primary motivators behind my actions. I hope you will exercise your right to participate in your Student Society by voting on March 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Rob Fleming

I am a 4th year History student who has been active in the student movement since 1994. I have been active in the UVSS for three years; two years as an executive member. The UVSS has many accomplishments for which to be proud, including:

- Some of Canada's largest student rallies in defense of affordable education
- Elimination of the UVSS deficit and significant debt reduction
- Improvement of SUB services and Weeks of Welcome
- Better labour relations in the SUB

I would like to continue working with an active team of dedicated students on the UVSS Board. We need to continue the fight for a national student grants program and lower tuition fees.

Macleans magazine says UVic is a top university, but they fail to credit the students themselves for making it a desirable institution in which to study. Course unions, clubs, constituency groups, cultural associations, intramural sports, student radio and the Martlet all contribute to make UVic the intellectual and cultural place that it is. The UVSS is an essential organization for dedicating resources to student activities on campus and for representing student interests within the university, the community, and to government.

Jonas Gifford

When I collected nominations, I found many people didn't think highly of the UVSS. I think I know why, and the reasons are best explained with examples.

Earlier this year, there was a publicized outcry from opponents to McClassrooms, the CIT classrooms to be named after corporate donors. Most people I talked to didn't care, and many were tiring of a movement that seemed to focus only on all the ways the university could not collect money and on all the ways it should spend more.

I believe that elected directors are accountable to their electorate's views, not to their own. And because election candidates are often not a representative sample of the student body, the discrepancy can be large, and is essential to monitor.

I believe the UVSS should not act as a moral watchdog on everyone's behalf, but should focus its attention more to providing services for students. As an example, I want to design a web site where students can sell and buy textbooks from eachother without losing a cut or posting signs.

Two years ago, many students campaigned as a "strong student voice." I think we have enough voices. Tell me what you think (jgifford@uvic.ca).

Vote for up to eleven directors-at-large

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McKinnon

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Bring Your Student CARD

ALL CANDIDATES WORKSHOP

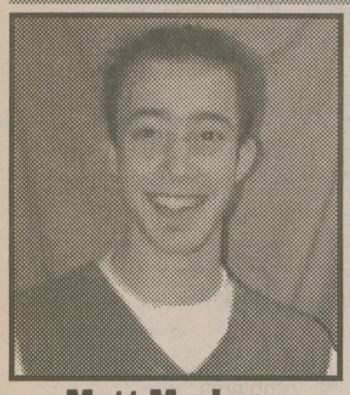
• THURSDAY • February 25, at 12:30 in the University Centre

• FRIDAY • February 26, at 11:00 in the Multi-Purpose Room

Elections '99

ELECTION PLATFORMS

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE



Matt Markson

My name is Matt Markson and I am a third-year Social Science student with the energy and experience to represent you again on the UVSS Board of Directors. Last year, as an active Director at Large, I sat on the Special Events committee and the SUB and Services committee. I'm committed to representing all students equally, to improving student activities and encouraging student involvement around the campus.

As a Director at Large, I will:

- Work to keep the cost of education remotely affordable by fighting for a reduction in tuition
- Make sure the Student Union Building is operated fairly and can provide the best services for students
- Address the problems of overcrowding and waitlists. These are classes we need for our degrees, so why do we have to wait in line to get in them?

Most importantly, we need to have access to more fun. I will work to improve the Weeks of Welcome, and get more cool events and good concerts happening for all of us.

That's why we're really here isn't it?

VOTE MATT!

Lewis Oladuntoye

I am a first year social science student planning to major in commerce. Do you want a student union that works hard on behalf of its members on campus, is active in campaigns to improve education, and uses its resources wisely to promote an interesting intellectual and cultural environment on campus? If so, help me to make this happen. I have been fighting for students rights for many years, first in Nigeria and Ghana and now Canada where I am a new citizen.

I am interested in making the UVic Students' Society (UVSS) more active in all areas of student life, including:

- Maintaining and improving the selection of courses and curriculum
- Providing affordable, well-managed services in the SUB
- Promoting student participation in and awareness of the activities of the student union
- Improving intramural sports and fan support for our varsity teams

I am interested in national and provincial campaigns to improve student assistance and provide adequate funding levels for universities. I will work hard on your behalf to ensure that your interests are represented by the UVSS Board of Directors.

Please be sure to vote March 2-4 for a progressive and active student union.

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Kirsten Patterson

I am a first year Humanities student who is very motivated to serve students on the UVSS Board of Directors. I have been an active member of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance, a volunteer at the Women's Centre, in addition to working with youth at Victoria Youth Pride Society and the BC Junior Youth Conference. I am very excited about promoting awareness of the many resources available through the Student's Society. I believe in ensuring a continued dialogue between students, their representatives, and the university.

As a student, I am very concerned about the changing shape of education. If elected, I will:

- Work to ensure student's voices are heard.
- Lobby the federal government to end funding cuts and to make education accessible to everyone.
- Fight to ensure that education is protected from corporate mandates.
- Support fairly traded consumer products and recycling initiatives in the SUB.

I am very excited about this opportunity to work, on behalf of students, for a just society, through service on the UVSS Board. I am passionate, energetic, and ready to meet all the challenges this position will offer me.

Vote Kirsten!

BRING STUDENT ID & VOTE

Jenny Amber Petch

I am a second year hopeful in the departments of Writing and Women's Studies. It has been my experience that getting lost in the tumultuous university life is too easy. I'm committed to providing you with the programs necessary to increase your awareness of what the UVSS can do for you. This is your student union; our strength relies on our numbers and our active involvement. It is important for you to know that students have a voice at UVic.

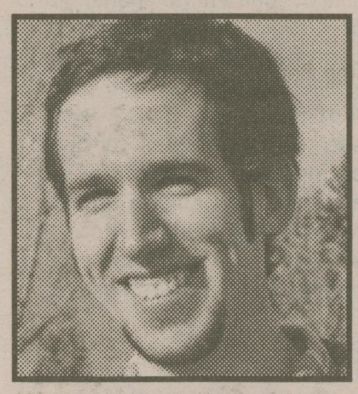
I have experience and have been active as:

- Member, UVSS Finance Committee
- Canadian Federation of Students Week of Action Organising Committee
- UVic Peer Counselor/Mentor
- Co-Editor, Emily Newspaper
- Volunteer, AIDS Vancouver Island

As Director at Large, I will:

- Work for lower tuition fees and increased education funding
- Bring SUB student employees concerns and suggestions to the forefront of business decisions
- Make the UVSS visible, accessible and accountable by clarifying the role of SUB administration
- Ensure that student's academic rights are protected

Please come out and vote for Jenny Amber on March 2nd, 3rd and 4th.



Ben Pollard

As a Director-At-Large, my primary responsibility will be serving the needs and desires of the student body, not in following blind ideology. I have set out three responsibilities for myself:

Social Responsibility:

I will work to ensure that everyone is able to get the education that they want, in an environment suitable to their needs, and at a price they can afford. This means working to extend the tuition freeze, and expanding on programs to ensure that UVic has an open atmosphere for learning and discussion.

Financial Responsibility:

I will work to ensure that the UVSS fees you pay every semester are used efficiently and effectively to provide for the needs of students.

Responsibility to the Student Body:

Finally, and most importantly, I will be responsible to you, the student body. After all, as a Director-At-Large, I am accountable to you, and have to represent your needs and concerns. In order to do this, you may contact me at:

benpollarduvss@hotmail.com

if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions.

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James Rowe

Hello! I am a third year student not yet constrained by departmental declaration. I'm running for Director at Large because the UVSS Board of Directors is best place to engage in important issues affecting students. There are a variety of concerns that I have and I consider this term to be a good opportunity to avail myself of students' ideas and strategies. Political and economic trends being as they are, it is vital that the student constituency be organized and informed. The continued socialization of loss, and privatization of gain is having real and tangible effects on students and our education options.

As Director at Large, I will:

- Work to increase interest in and accessibility to the University of Victoria Students Society.
- Wear the same sweater everyday all year, to increase my visibility and accessibility on campus.
- Speak only in point form
- Temper cynicism on campus with positive action.
- Firmly oppose all dress code legislation everywhere on campus.
- Do a fine job.

I hope to work hard for students and to help make the UVSS a vanguard of advocacy and innovation in access to post-secondary education.

VOTE

Stacey Slager

I am a third year English major, and this is my first year at UVic. After having served two terms as a student representative for the North Island Students' Association (NISA), I feel I have a firm grasp of issues that are important to students. Thus, I am running for the UVSS Board of Directors.

While on the executive for NISA I participated in events that affected students locally, provincially, and nationally: from organizing events around parking problems at a community college campus, to protesting cuts to educational funding on Parliament Hill. I have served on committees such as Safer Campuses, and hiring committee for the president for North Island College. I believe Canada is a country that can afford free accessible post-secondary education for all, not just the privileged. Particularly, I believe that students transferring from a college should have no problems with transfer credits, and curriculum should be consistent from institution to institution. I am well aware of the needs of post-secondary students, and I am always open to learning more.

A vote for Stacey Slager is a vote for someone who is passionate and dedicated to enforcing and voicing the rights of students.

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ELECTION PLATFORMS

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CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Alison Therriault

Hi, my name is Alison Therriault and I am a second year Spanish and Political Science student. I believe that being aware of and involved in your student union is very important, and that's why I'm running for UVSS Director at Large.

As students, we face many difficulties, but together we have the power to overcome them. As a Director at Large I want to encourage student activism. I want to make involvement in the Students' Society at UVic more accessible and appealing to the student population. It is essential to know that we can effect changes in areas that affect us.

My goals for the coming year include:

- Supporting the tuition freeze and pushing for a reduction in tuition
- Working on UVic's waitlist problem
- Keeping students informed on issues that affect them
- Listening to and acting on all student concerns
- Initiating student forums where students can speak about problems they would like to see addressed.

Let's create an informed and active campus! Together we can change this university for the better, on behalf of all students.

John Trueman

Experience. Dedication. Results. These are the qualities I bring you as a Director at Large. Over the next year, I will work to:

- ✔ enact an **environmental code of ethics** so our principles will never again be sold out for a quick buck
- ✔ **guarantee priority student access** to SUB facilities and services for student groups — we paid for it, we should be able to use it!
- ✔ establish **performance standards** for SUB businesses to protect student interests
- ✔ provide new resources for the **UVSS Ombudsperson** to look out for the interests of all of us, including a **peer advocacy program**
- ✔ spearhead new **communications initiatives** so that you know what your Students' Society is doing and how your dues are being spent
- ✔ support efforts to establish a program of **national student grants** and **reduce student debt loads**

For more than two years as a Fine Arts student, I have fought for your interests, not with billboards and bullhorns, but through articulate and thoughtful representation, including:

- ✔ two terms on the **UVic Senate**
- ✔ member of Senate Committee on **Appeals**, **Discrimination and Harassment** working group, and **Ombudsperson** Advisory Committee
- ✔ volunteer work at *the Martlet* and the LGBA

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CANDIDATES FOR SENATE

Senate is one of the two major governing bodies of the University. It is concerned with academic governance matters. It determines enrollment and admissions, approves new programs, grants degrees, makes rules for the management of the Library, recommends awards and scholarships to the Board and so on. It meets on the first Wednesday of every month from September to May at 7:30pm. In addition, it has number of committees on which all senators serve. Student senators should serve on at least one Senate committee. There are 16 student senators.

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Priscilla Asamoah

HSD Year 3

As a student of the University of Victoria, I feel very strongly that the diversity of the university community should be represented on the Senate. I believe those students; faculty and administrators should work together for the benefit of the entire community. This belief is reflected in the words of a Ghanaian philosopher, "Not all the fingers of the hand are the same, yet they work together to achieve the work of the day". I support this philosophy and draw great inspiration from it in my work with others. This will become very important during the decision-making process of the Senate because the members bring with them unique yet equally important perspectives.

The Human and Social Development Faculty is divers and I believe that my background gives me a great insight to represent it properly. I also believe very strongly that knowledge is a powerful tool for promoting understanding and I intend to represent the Faculty of Human and social Development as a well-informed individual. With my belief in the power of diversity and the knowledge that I have acquired during my volunteer work with many different organizations, I feel as though I would be a valuable asset to the Senate.

Andrea Coulter

Science Year 3

The University Senate is involved in academic governance of the university and makes important decisions that affect the entire campus. As an actively involved third year science student with an interdisciplinary focus, I understand and have experienced the issues current students from all disciplines face as they try to obtain the education so critically needed in today's society, and I have the skills and experience necessary to find suitable solutions.

If elected, I will:

- **Protect** educational quality. Higher enrollment and larger classes should not be used to offset governmental cuts.
- **Secure** course offerings matched to student demand. Students have the right to a timely graduation and must have access to prerequisites.
- **Support** library expansion efforts. Accessibility to quality and quantity of resources is essential.
- **Support** flexibility in course scheduling. Summer studies are a reality for co-op students, yet course offerings are often insufficient.
- **Oppose** corporate influence in curricula, research, and campus life, and **ensure** university decisions and policies reflect high ethical standards
- **Advocate** for professor appointment and promotion based on teaching excellence and student feedback, not just research performance.
- **Promote** the expansion of bursaries, scholarships, work study positions and co-op placements.
- **Increase**

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Lacia Crook

Humanities Year 2

As a second year undergraduate student I would like to see the following issues dealt with:

- ✔ Promoting and maintaining an awareness of **student rights** as related to the UVic calendar.
- ✔ Examining university policies to ensure all **students are treated fairly**.
- ✔ Keeping **tuition frozen** and **student debt down**.
- ✔ Ensuring students know where to go for help or guidance related to student's needs, and that **help is readily available.**
- ✔ Providing **quick and fair solutions** to all students' problems.
- ✔ Working within the budget to **diminish wait lists** and **increase the amount of classes available**.

If you the student body elect me as your senator, I will, with your support deal with these issues. **Lacia Crook for Senate.**

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Gordon de Frane,

Chemainus First Nation
Humanities Year 3

My Way of Being, Teachings of My People: A Platform

Following the Vision of an Eagle is one of my beliefs: the Eagle flies highest and nearest the sun and sees everything from its place in the heavens. The mouse, on the other hand, lives nearest the earth and sees everything up-close. I, as a person of First Nations ancestry, bring with me my teachings from my people. There is undoubtedly moments when the Vision of the Eagle is necessary and balanced with the Vision of the Mouse. I see my role as fostering balance between the needs of UVic and the needs of my fellow students. I, with the vision of Eagle and Mouse, shall be able to see the over all vision as well to apply a more scrutinizing view when such a occasions arise.

My reason for being here is to follow the vision as articulated by Chief Dan George:

<u>OH, GREAT SPIRIT!</u>
GIVE ME BACK THE
COURAGE OF THE OLDEN
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LET HUMBLY ACCEPT THIS
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AND GO ON.
LIKE THE THUNDERBIRD OF
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Elections '99 ELECTION PLATFORMS

CANDIDATES FOR SENATE

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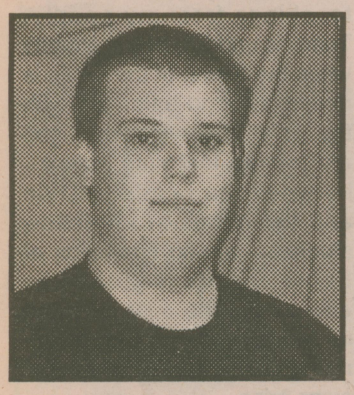
Chris Dobson
Humanities Year 2

Hi! My name is Chris Dobson, and I hope you'll vote for me to represent you on the Senate! I am a second year English major, and have been very involved on campus in my two years here. This year, I am a Director-at-Large of the UVSS, as well as the Vice-president of the English Students' Course Union, and have been on the executive of the Medieval Studies Students' Guild. In November, I represented the UVSS at the General Meeting of the CFS, at which many ambitious campaign plans were undertaken by the Federation in order to aid the student movement. I feel that I have worked hard at UVic for the student movement, and feel that the university is one of the essential institutions of our society, and as such needs to be dealt with carefully and thoughtfully in every way. It is my hope that I will be able to continue to help make sure that decisions made at our University are carefully thought out and implemented (as well as free of grammatical errors!) so as to best help all students in their studies in the upcoming year. I sincerely appreciate your support!



John Fraser
Science Year 4

The Senate of this university has control of all academic matters, such as curriculum changes and exam regulations. The senate also has control over the acceptance of scholarships and other proposals relating to academic matters, and I feel this is a most vital place to have a knowledgeable and active person to stand up for your interests.

I have three years experience as a student senator, and in those three years I have learned a great deal about the way the senate and this university work. I have learned that students can make a huge difference with regards to the decisions of the administration, such as the rejection of a scholarship offered by human rights abuser Shell Oil. I feel that the waitlist question must be solved, we must protect our accessibility to an affordable balanced education, and we must fight the increasing influence of large corporate donors on the university. We owe it to ourselves to have good representatives on the senate, and I feel that I am the person suited to represent you.

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Sasha Harper
HSD Year 3

I am a third-year Social Work student who is committed to bringing a critical feminist perspective to your representation on Senate. In my four years at UVic, I have seen how many visible and invisible barriers to education exist. These barriers prevent many students, particularly people without power, from completing their education. Barriers exist in the form of high tuition fees, inadequate financial assistance, lack of childcare facilities, and through a society which doesn't accept and respect difference.

I will inject a feminist perspective into decision-making and make it my priority to advocate from the point of view of the least advantaged student. Last year, UVic's Undergraduate Student Survey revealed that there is no such thing as a 'typical' student. Our policies must reflect the diversity of our student body.

As your representative, I will work towards:

- Creating more opportunities for parent students
- Making UVic Childcare more accessible
- Identifying and eliminating structural and attitudinal oppression which exists in all systems
- Creating a safer, more accessible, and more tolerant campus
- Making UVic more family friendly – empowering, accepting, accommodating

I look forward to working towards a more pro-active and responsible Senate and would appreciate your support.

VOTE MARCH 2nd, 3rd & 4th

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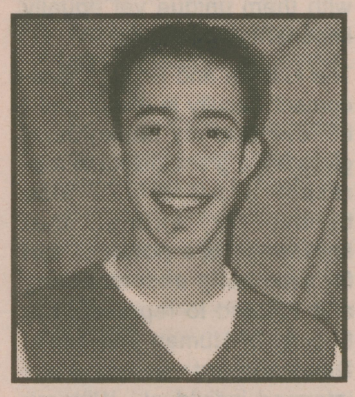
Sharmeen Khan
SocSci Year 3

I am currently the co-ordinator of the Anti-Racism and Discrimination Committee of VIPIRG. In this role, I have coordinated a study circle on the Nisga'a Agreement. I am currently organizing another study circle on the free speech league, as well as, organizing around the UN International Day for the Ellimination of Racial Discrimination. In the past, I have been quite active in the Canadian Federation of Students, Sask. Component, as the Student of Colour Liaison. I have sat on the Board of Directors and Editorial Board for BriarPatch magazine. I was the project coordinator for the Immigrant Women of Saskatchewan researching domestic violence against refugee and immigrant women. I am currently working on a double degree in Political Science and Environmental Studies, and have always been active in university and student issues during my university career.



Matthew Markson
SocSci Year 2

I am a third year Social Science student with both the time and the motivation to represent students on the University Senate. Being an active student on campus, I understand the need for students to put forward their concerns in a united fashion to achieve positive change. My involvement with the UVSS has given me experience in solving the problems that face students at UVic. My goal is to represent and stand up for the rights of all students at UVic.

If elected, I with make it my priority to:

- Ensure no programs are lost due to mandated budget cuts
- Fight the Corporatization of UVic. Students are here to get an education, not to be marketed to!
- Shrink Waitlists. We need more sections of the classes which are
- essential to our degrees, and a wider range of courses to select from.
- Speak out against the myth that the tuition freeze is responsible for UVic's declining quality of services. Let's work with others to ensure education remains public and affordable for all.

I will make myself an accessible student representative for your concerns and thoughts about life at UVic.

VOTE MARKSON FOR SENATE

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Parveen Kaur Nijjar
HSD Year 3

I am currently a third year student in the school of Social Work. I completed an undergraduate degree at UVic with a double major in Political Science and Women's Studies last year. I am actively involved in the Women's Centre and the Students of Color Collective. I am very interested in issues of race and cultural sensitivity on campus, and have been involved in the Voices for Change report. Through my work at the Women's Centre, I have also formed strong ties to community social justice organizations and with several student clubs and groups. Although my main focus in on women's issues and issues of minority peoples, I am anxious to diversify my involvement at UVic. I feel strongly that the student voice at UVic is too often unheard or silenced, and much work needs to be done in order make our concerns more openly accepted.

Samuel Olawale Olaitan
SocSci Year 1

I am a first year student who has just arrived at the University of Victoria from Nigeria amidst a flurry of media coverage. Now that I am here, I want to take an active part in the university community.

Some people are unaware at the number of international students on this campus. Our contributions and ideas are rarely a part of the democratic structures. I would like to take our ideas and contribute them to this university.

I assure you that I will take your concerns seriously, that I will listen and work with all students on this campus. As well I will continue to be vigilant on the issues, like curriculum and accessibility to education that effect students daily lives.

Feel free to contact me at waleolas@uvic.ca if you are interested in more information about me or my campaign.

Through activism in the student movement in Nigeria I have arrived here and I would like to learn and participate in the democratic governance of the University of Victoria. Please vote for Samuel Olawale Olaitan on March 2, 3 & 4, 1999.

bring your student ID

HEY UNDERGRADS!
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE!
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ELECTION PLATFORMS

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Jay Rustulka
SocSci Year 3

I am running for the position of Student Senate Representative in order to ensure that student voices continue to be heard within the University Community. I feel that it is important that students, as the consumers of education, are able to have strong representation within the governing bodies of the University. If elected I hope to be able help see that the University of Victoria continues to hold its standing as one of the finest post-secondary institutions in Canada. This can be done through the positive interaction of the members of the University community. By this we can continue to provide students, faculty and staff with an environment of learning that is productive, progressive, and effective. I feel that I am an ideal candidate for the position of Student Senate Representative. I am familiar with issues pertaining to the University, and feel that my past experience as a student union representative and as a member of a student newspaper will enable me work well within the structures of the Senate. I am confident that as a member of the Senate I will be able to effectively serve the needs of students.

Stacey Slager
Humanities Year 2

I am a third year student with three years of active involvement in student politics under my belt.

I am running for the Senate because I believe it is important that students are represented by someone who knows the issues, can work with faculty and administration, is willing to listen to students' concerns, and is not afraid to advocate on behalf of students. I understand the concerns that students have with regard to TREG, waitlists, course sizes and availability, cost-recovery programs, accountability of instructors, education costs (tuition, ancillary fees, books, etc.), and the threats to the Liberal Arts programs.

If I am elected, my objectives will be:

1) to have TREG more user-friendly, more accessible, and available for fall registration before thewinter semester has ended. Also, for students not in Victoria at time of registration, to have a toll-free line to register.
2) for courses that have long wait lists, to have more courses available, and to have more courses available in the summer semester to reduce congestion for the rest of the year.
3) to keep class sizes at a manageable level for faculty to maintain or improve the quality of education that students are receiving.
4) to oppose

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Elisabeth Webster
HSD Year 3

As a mature student, I believe I would bring a high degree of understanding of both the working and the learning environment to my role as student senator. Education is a priority in today's advanced technological world and students strive to get as much out of university as possible. I have sat as a third-year, on-campus student representative on the School of Social Work board and as a part of the admissions committee for incoming students.

As your student representative on Senate I would work to:

- Make the university accessible for all students regardless of their financial, social, or physical ability status
- Encourage other mature students to return to university and continue their education
- Review policies to ensure that they are changing to reflect the increasingly diverse population of the university
- Reduce class sizes and ensure a high standard of learning, while increasing the number of sections taught in highly sought-after classes in an effort to reduce waitlists

I believe students have an active role to play in the decision-making affecting them, and I'm dedicated to committing my time and energy to representing students on Senate.

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Krista Zala
Science Year 3

I've grown up in Victoria and am finishing my (technically) fourth year at UVic. As long as everything goes well, this upcoming fifth year will be my last here, after which I have a double major in biology and women's studies. While my academic misadventures represent both the humanities and science faculties, I am running for a Senate position primarily as a representative science student. On campus, I was a member of the Vikes rowing team for the 1995-96 and 1996-97 seasons. This year I am part of VIPIRG's anti-racism and discrimination committee and am in the process of becoming a member of the Women's Centre Collective. I'm also working to put together Groovefest and the Lesbian and Allies Walk, and I'm looking forward to similar events and activities on the horizon...

VOTE

POLLING STATIONS

Tuesday, March 2
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Student Union Building, Clearihue, University Center, MacPherson Library, Cornett, MacLaurin, Elliot Lecture Wing, 1998 Classroom Building, Begbie, Commons Block

Wednesday, March 3
9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Student Union Building, MacPherson Library
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Clearihue, University Center, Cornett, MacLaurin, Elliot Lecture Wing, Engineering Lab Wing, Fine Arts
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
McKinnon

Thursday, March 4
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Student Union Building, Clearihue, University Center, MacPherson Library, Cornett, MacLaurin, Engineering Lab Wing, 1996 Classroom Building, Human and Social Development

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Elections '99

ELECTION PLATFORMS

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The **Board of Governors** is the other major governing body of the University. It approves and maintains the University buildings and properties, appoints the staff of the University including the President, Vice President and Deans, establishes faculties and departments on the recommendation of Senate, determines all fees including tuition fees, administers the University assets, approves the University budget and so on. It meets approximately every 7 weeks from September to June. Board members usually serve on two Board committees as well as the Board. The committees meet two weeks before the Board meeting. There are two student representatives to the Board of Governors.

VOTE ON MARCH 2, 3, 4

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Andrea Coulter

The Board of Governors makes important financial and academic decisions that affect the entire campus. As an actively involved third year science student with an interdisciplinary focus, I understand the issues current students from all disciplines face as they try to obtain the education so critically needed in today's society, and I have the skills and experience necessary to find suitable solutions. Only 2 of the 15 board members are students, so it is important that we have such comprehensive and capable representation to ensure that each student's view is strongly upheld.

If elected, I will:

- **Oppose** increased fees for students. No one should be denied an education because they can't afford it.
- **Protect** educational quality. Higher enrollment and larger classes should not be used to offset governmental cuts.
- **Secure** course offerings matched to student demand. Students have the right to a timely graduation and must have access to prerequisites.
- **Support** flexibility in course scheduling. Summer studies are a reality for co-op students, yet course offerings are often insufficient.
- **Develop innovative** fundraising efforts while **maintaining** academic integrity and autonomy. In these times of fiscal restraint, sources of income other than the government must be sought

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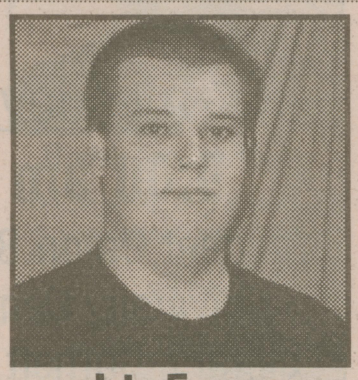

John Fraser

The Board of Governors control all financial matters on campus, and as such have a huge effect on our lives as students. The Board make such decisions as staffing levels, faculty funding, tenure, fees (tuition is set by the province), campus space use and McClassroom names.

I feel it is essential to have a strong voice on the board for students, since board decisions have a major effect on our education. I support affordable education for all students, resolution of the waitlist problem, the reduction of corporate influence on campus and the replacement of retiring professors with tenured faculty, not sessionals. I think we get what we pay for, and if we hope to get the most value out of the university's annual budget of over a billion dollars, we need to make changes to the way this institution is run. I have three years experience as a student senator, and I feel I am well suited to represent us all on the board.

One Supplement equals:

- **49 cups of coffee and tea**
- **800 golf pencils for polling**
- **68 hours of organization**
- **12 missed classes**
- **two and a half birthdays**
- **possibly $25 worth of electricity for editing**
- **the combined efforts of 12 people in four days**
- **two colds, one flu and one headache**
- **one pound of CHOCOLATE**

Sandra Guarascio

Faculty of Law / Grad Studies (Public Admin)

As a third year law and grad student in Public Administration with **7 years of committed, active involvement at UVic**, I understand issues that concern you and have skills to work towards solutions. My experience includes:

- UVic Board of Governors (2 terms) and Senate
- President, Graduate Students' Society
- Coordinator, Peer-Helping, Orientation/WOW
- Volunteer, Student Info-Centre, Employment Centre, Legal Info-Clinic
- UVic Women's Conference Recognition Award

I have worked hard to represent you by establishing good relationships, increasing communication between student groups, being visible and accessible to listen to student concerns, and speaking out strongly on issues that matter to you.

If re-elected, I will continue to:

- ✔ Oppose increased fees for students
- ✔ Ensure that UVic remains accountable to students by limiting corporate influence
- ✔ Support flexibility in course scheduling
- ✔ Promote inclusive curricula
- ✔ Encourage expansion of bursaries, work-study, and co-op
- ✔ Ensure course offerings match student demands
- ✔ Scrutinize administrative activities with students' rights in mind
- ✔ Fight for increased student representation in all decision-making

I take my commitment seriously and will work hard for you. **RE-ELECT SANDRA GUARASCIO for experience, dedication, and a strong voice for students!**

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All Candidates Workshop

• THURSDAY • February 25, at 12:30 in the University Centre

• FRIDAY • February 26, at 11:00 in the Multi-Purpose Room